

SPECIAL TEST TRAIN SHOWING ARRANGEMENT OF CARS

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-FROM THE EDITOR-

On the cover this month is an old photo given to me by a man who retired from the Chicago & North Western.

It is a special test train, showing the arrangement of the cars. The loco is being tested for performance, and is brand new from the shops.

It was taken on the C & NW at Harvard, Illinois sometime about 1927 or 1928.

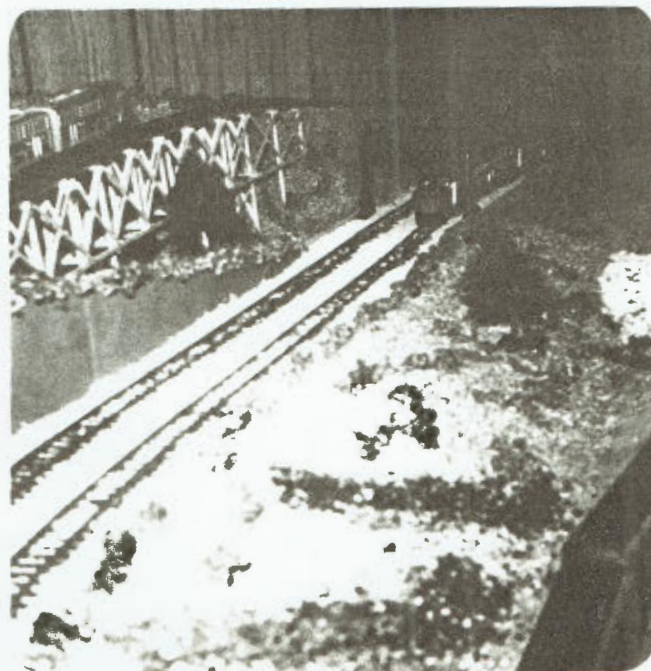
This issue will have an article and layout diagram of Joey Stanley's layout.

Still needed is information from YOU, about your model railroad, prototype happening in your neighborhood, or something, to help make these pages of interest. You don't need to know how to compose the article, just supply the information, and I'll get it together.

Photos are appreciated, but should be the glossy black and white, and sharp and clear.

Work is moving along well on the new membership directory, and it is expected to be released in time for mailing with the December HOTBOX.

Below: F-9s bringing the branch line traffic down to the mainline for a trip to the yard for mixing into the way-freight, while Amtrak 1 is pounding the rails with 14 cars towards Seattle. On the head is a PA-1/PB-1, both powered.
N Scale, L & D Railroad



Meeting: Joey Stanley

Joey is 14 years old, and attends Lake View High as a Freshman this year.

His other interests include model airplanes, electronics, coin collecting, stamp collecting, bottle collecting, bicycle riding and racing, and other sports.

Joey has expressed that he would like to see other members of the Southern Region send in articles about their layouts. Hopefully, some of you will....

Starting with this issue, I will be listing off Railroad Slang and its' meaning. This list is compliments of Dave Ellett.

AGE - Term of time in service, usually referring to Seviorty.

AIR MONKEY - Air brake repairman.

ALLEY - Clear track.

ANCHOR THEM - Set brakes on still cars.

ARTIST - A general term usually referring to some workman, particularly adept, and usually with such prefix as brake, pin, speed, etc.

BABY LIFTER - Passenger brakeman.

BATTLESHIP - Usually referred to the superheater type or any large locomotive

BEANERY - A railroad eating house.

BEANERY QUEEN - Waitress.

BEE HIVE - Yard Office.

BELL BOTTOM BREAKEMEN - College students.

BEND THE IRON - Change the position of a switch.

BEND THE RUST - Change the position of a switch.

BIG HOLE - Emergency position of the air brake valve; the act of abruptly applying the brakes to the full reduction.

BIG HOOK - Wrecking crane

BIG O - Freight conductor.

BIG OX - Conductor of either freight or passenger train.

BLACK DIAMONDS - Company coal.

BLOW UP - To quit a job suddenly.

BOARD - A fixed signal regulating railroad traffic and usually referred to as slow board, order board, clear board (clear tracks) or red board (stop).

BOILER HEADER - Riding in the cab.

ATSF by Joey Stanley

My layout is on a 4 X 8 foot board, and the design is my own.

Motive power currently consists of a GP-35 and a pair of F Units. Other motive power will be added later.

Wiring is completed in such manor that I can run up to three separate trains at a time.

Space is limited in my room, yet I wanted to have a reasonable sized layout. The final conclusion was to hang it from the ceiling. For this, I used a system of pullies, and it can be lowered for operations, and raised for other activities.

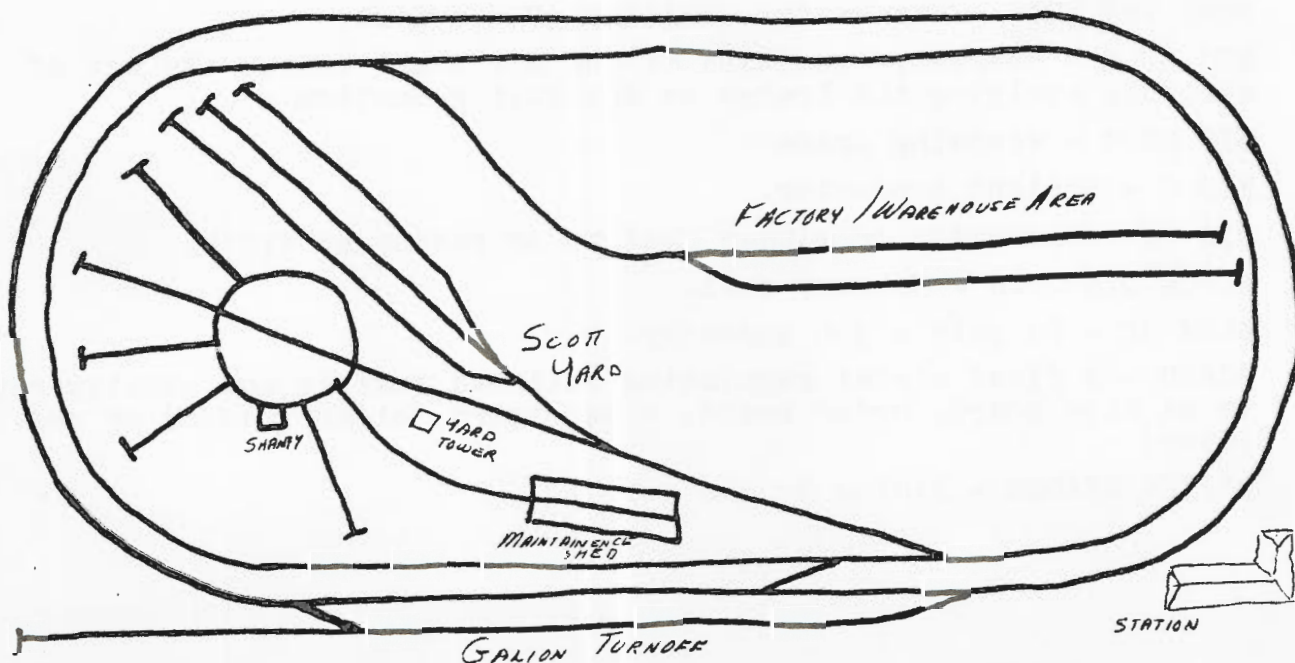
All the motive power is operated by the Santa Fe.

At Scott Yard, I have a nice nine inch turntable which directs the locos not in use, to their proper storage tracks, or to the maintainence shed.

Switching done at Scott Yard is for setting up the cars for the pickup at Galion Turnoff with the connection to the Santa Fe, or for distribution to the factories as they need them for either loading or unloading.

Because of the amount of traffic generated by the factories, it was necessary to install a double tracked mainline. And with the request in passenger service on the increase, it would be necessary to maintain strick passenger scheduals and not interupt the freight service.

With the arrival of the five new passenger cars ordered, service will be quickly started, and by the end of the month, schedualling needed will be instituted. (Layout diagram below-ed.).....



Editor's Note...

The following is a letter I received in the mail with no return address, and the postmark was smeared to much to get more than "ALA" out of it, and from the contents, I'm assuming that it must have been mailed by someone in Alabama. The contents were interesting enough that I thought I would share them with you. The following is directly quoted -----

Folklore of the Southern Rails
by Al A. Bama

Well, Jeep, pull yourself up a chair while you're waiting for some of Ma's home cooked vittles and I'll tell you the story of one Thomas W. Jackson. Now Mr. Jackson was a brakeman on the passenger trains roaming through Arkansas, but this is not his claim to fame. For you see, during his free moments, you would find him in the parlor car listening to the multitude of jokes being bandied back and forth.

Having a good recollection for what he heard and being somewhat of a dunster himself, he decided to publish a book. The title he gave it was On a Slow Train Through Arkansaw, and it was an instant success.

He followed with other books, among them Through Missouri on a Mule, and I'm From Texas, You Can't Steer Me. Well, you get the picture.

Naturally, the fine upstanding people of Arkansas got quite a ribbing in Jackson's first book and for years his name was mud in that state. This is no wonder because some of the gags were pretty corny.

Here are a few examples:

"You are not the only pebble on the beach for there is a little rock in Arkansaw."

"It was down in the state of Arkansaw, I rode the slowest train I ever saw. It stopped at every house. When it came to a double house, it stopped twice. They made so many stops I said: "Conductor, what have we stopped for now?" He said: "There are some cattle on the track." We ran a little ways farther and stopped again. I said, "What's the matter now?". He said, "We caught up with those cattle again."

Of course, the best gag in the book was saved for last:

"When you read this book, you will like Arkansaw so well you will keep a heater under your bed so as to have hot springs."

UNQUOTE-----

Should the author be a reader of the SOUTHERN CRESCENT, please let me know, and send us some more of your interesting little notes, and also let us know where we can buy your books. (Ed.)....

A member writes - "I was trying to get my train to run the other day, and found that no matter how high I turned the voltage, it just wouldn't start moving. Finally, I decided to give the loco a push, and I couldn't find one at either end of the train". It seems he forgot to run it out of the yard and connect it to the train.

From: INTERCOLONIAL, Canadian Region.....

Grain Shipments on Canadian Pacific are up 24%, highest increase ever.

The British Columbia Railway will electrify a 130 km coal haul branch now under construction in northeast British Columbia. BCR estimates that electrification will add \$14.2 million to the cost of the branch but will eliminate the expensive ventilation of the line's two tunnels.

Next issue will wind up Volume 2. Volume 3 will start with the February/March issue.

Articles are still needed.

This year for Christmas, get Dad your favorite locomotive for you to operate on your model pike. You will have gotten him a present you'll enjoy.

And for Mom, you can buy her that factory kit you've always wanted..

Hope your Thanksgiving dinner was a great one!

Merry Christmas!!

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