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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY



**COVER** - December 31, 1994 will be the Arkansas Railroad Club's 25th Anniversary. Hope we all make 25 more years.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Spring snowstorms are not unknown in the Boston Mountains of Northwest Arkansas. On this March day in 1969, nearly 6 inches have blanketed the area, including Siloam Springs' Kansas City Southern depot. In a few minutes, both the northbound and southbound *Southern Belles* will be passing. The KCS depot is reportedly on the list of National Historic Places. (*TRRA Historical and Technical Society, Inc, taken by Larry Thomas*)



## MURPHY'S LAW

by: P.B. Wooldridge

It could have happened, and it really did.

During World War II, about 1943, the railroad was unable to find telegraph operators, so they trained young women to handle train orders.

One night at Waldo, the dispatcher asked the young lady to "Copy 9 South" for First and Second 17. She made only 5 copies of the train order, delivered it to First 17, and filed the station copy. Second 17 came along, and she cleared her Board, and the train roared through.

Second 17 and an Extra North, both pulled by 800s, saw each other's reflections in the night and managed to stop just short of each other. However, one head brakeman jumped and broke a leg.

It could have happened, and it did. How lucky can one be!

But back about 1944, a tragic accident occurred which involved nothing but bad luck.

A switch engine, idle for the night, developed a leaky throttle and "walked away" from its mooring. The Hostler, running for his life, was out-distanced. The engine ran thru the switch at North Camden onto the main track, and sped north toward Kent, Arkansas, gaining momentum with every turn of the wheels.

The frantic Hostler rushed to the nearest phone to report the run-away engine. The dispatcher immediately rang Bearden, 16 miles north, but the operator there was already reporting an Extra 800 South by Bearden. With no open intermediate station, and no radio communication, the southbound freight could not be warned and stopped. Absolutely nothing could be done, but wait, as the engine and freight sped thru the night, on a collision course.

Just north of Kent there is a very long, sweeping 90 degree curve. Engineer Hugon was planning to make North Camden and head in the siding for No. 2, the "Lone Star" passenger.

But on that long, sweeping curve, the runaway engine and the southbound freight collided at speed, killing the head-end crew.

Sadly, it could have happened, and it really did.

I was on third trick at Illmo, Missouri at the time and I thought of that railroad poem, which reads in part:

*I strain my eyes around the curve,  
For what awaits us there?*



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## NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM



The next meeting of the Arkansas Railroad Club will be held on December 10 at the CAMELOT HOTEL in Little Rock. It will be our annual Christmas Party. Be sure to attend and please let Tom Shook know in advance if you are attending.

There will also be the usual SPECIAL SHOW AND TELL MEETING on January 1, 1995 at our usual meeting place, Twin City Bank in North Little Rock. This "come and go as you please" get-together will start at 8 a.m. and run all day. It is a very popular event, especially if you don't like New Year's day football games.

Following this meeting, our regular scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, 1995. The program will be given by JOHN JONES and will be on the Dardanelle & Russellville Railroad.





**AETN FUND RAISER** - On December 4, our club agreed to help the Arkansas Educational Television Network with one of their fund raisers by answering the phones and taking pledges. If you can help, contact JOHN HODKIN (945-2128) or DICK DAVIS (565-3572). They say its really fun, with plenty of free food. We will be there from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**1995 DUES NOTICE** - I hate dues notices and pledge drives as much as the next person, but it's that time of year again when you should be paying your 1995 dues (they're due January 1). There are dues notices in the envelop with your newsletters. They remain at \$15 local and \$14 national.

YOUR 1995 MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL BE MAILED IN THE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR *RAILROADERS!* CHECK YOUR ENVELOPE CAREFULLY.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY INFO** - Here's the latest on our annual Christmas party, set for December 10. TOM SHOOK, our VP, has made all the needed reservations. Mail back the green coupon you received in November's *Railroader* if you will be attending or call Tom at 501-225-8955 BY DECEMBER 2. DO NOT just show up, since the meals will be paid for before you arrive - you must make a reservation. It looks like a great party!



**ARKANSAS RAILROAD CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1994 - 6 P.M. (\$15 per person)**  
**CAMELOT HOTEL (Kingscourt - 2nd floor)**  
**MARKHAM & BROADWAY**  
**LITTLE ROCK**

- **SPEAKER: JAMES FAIR, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Jim has authored many papers on railroad subjects and contributes to the *Arkansas Railroader* on a regular basis. He authored the *M&NA NORTH ARKANSAS LINE*; recently completed the manuscript on the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; and currently has the Rock Island Sunbelt Line nearing completion. Jim grew up in Little Rock in the 30's and was on the scene at Union Station and the Little Rock trolley system. He is a highly qualified historian, tells a good story and knows how to find the "jewels" that have faded in to the past. This is a must program for the rail historian.

- Certificate will be presented to 25-year NRHS members by DICK DAVIS. Come and honor these folks.

- **MENU:** Breast of Chicken with lemon-basil sauce  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Honey-glazed carrots  
 Bread, drinks  
 Walnut Layer cake



- **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** Please send \$15 per person to TOM SHOOK, PO BOX 7650, LITTLE ROCK AR 72217 by Friday, December 2, 1994 (use the green reservation form from last month's *Railroader*) or call Tom at 501-225-8955. Later calls can be accepted





through Sunday, December 4.

The club has to guarantee to the hotel after that date. A parking deck fee is EXTRA. There is usually plenty of free on-street parking.

**1995 OFFICERS** - The following people were nominated and voted on to be the 1995 officers of the Arkansas Railroad Club - Little Rock Chapter NRHS:

PRESIDENT - Tom Shook

VICE PRESIDENT - John Jones

TREASURER - Walter Walker

SECRETARY - Vacant - if you'd like to be secretary, call John Hodkin.

NRHS REPRESENTATIVE - Robin Thomas

BOARD OF DIRECTOR - to fill Robin Thomas' tenure - Fred Fillers '95

BOARD OF DIRECTOR - Stanley Wozencraft - '99



**CALENDARS SOLD OUT!** - The Arkansas Railroad Club's 1995 calendar has sold out as of November 12. Thanks to all who bought one or several.

**NEW FAX NUMBER** - We now have a 24-hour fax number. It's the same as your editor's regular number, 501-758-1340. The device will automatically detect fax signals and print a hard copy. If I'm not home, let the phone ring 4 times. If it's a voice call, put your message on the answering machine (you KNOW I'll get right back with you!) and if it's a fax, the fax machine will kick in.

**JAMES FAIR'S STORY TO RUN IN NRHS BULLETIN** - James Fair's story on the *Shreveporter*, which ran in the *Railroader* this year, will be in issue 6 of NRHS's Bulletin. Mr. Fair and I both gave permission for the NRHS to run this story, which will include more pictures of the famous train.

**SMOKY HILL MUSEUM NEEDS HELP** - (Belton, Missouri) - The Smoky Hill Railway and Museum, that runs weekend excursions south of Belton, near Kansas City, needs help to restore its famous Rock Island E-6 #630. It could need up to \$100,000 to restore it to running condition and bring it up to FRA standards. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation, sent it to: Treasurer, Smoky Hill Railway, 502 S Walnut, Belton MO.

**NEWS UPDATED** through November 13, printed November 14 thru 28, mailed the week of November 28, or sooner depending on printing speed.

### WANTED/FOR SALE-TRADE

The following is for those who want to find certain railroad-related items, information, or want to sell or trade such items with other railfans. Only personal inquiries, NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, please. We reserve the right to refuse listings if deemed inappropriate. The Arkansas Railroad Club is not responsible for misleading ads.

**WANTED** - Pictures, plans and track layouts for Little Rock's Union Station circa 1940s. I am going to try to reproduce this station on my O-Gauge layout. CHARLES V. STEVENS, 2207 STOUT, SPRINGDALE AR 72762.





**WANTED** - Six door rollers for pre-1920 wooden box car restoration . Also need other hardware for one door. PETER SMYKLA, PO BOX 1892, PINE BLUFF AR 71613 or call 501-535-4724.

**WANTED** - Rock Island data, slides, photos, etc for computer database being put together by the Rock Island Technical Society in Kansas City. They want mainly pre-1965 data. If you have any information and want to be listed in this database, contact them at 8746 North Troost, Kansas City MO 64155, in care of David J. Engle.

## ARKANSAS RAIL NEWS



**RAILROAD OVERPASS IN GRAVETTE?** - (Gravette) - An engineer with the Arkansas Highway Commission met on November 1 with Gravette officials to discuss a railroad overpass construction through town. The KCS railroad would be involved. (*Gravette News Herald, November 2, 1994*)

**GURDON MYSTERY** - (Gurdon) - The famous Gurdon Light that has puzzled many over the years will be a feature on NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries* sometimes this year. A film crew was in the Gurdon area filming and interviewing people the week of October 17. A steam engine from the Reader Railroad was to be in the segment as well. The light shows up on the stretch of Missouri Pacific trains between Gurdon and Interstate 30 along Highway 53. Some say it's the ghost of a brakeman who was killed on the line in the early part of this century. The light showed up before there were any cars in the area. (*Daily Siftings Herald, Arkadelphia, October 12 by Steve Fellers*)

**BRANSON SCENIC RAILWAY** - (Calico Rock) - The Branson Scenic Railway ran a Fall Foliage Zephyr from Branson to Calico Rock on October 25, stopping in Calico Rock for a "Taste of the Ozarks" celebration. It left Branson at 8:30 a.m. and got back to Branson from Calico Rock about 6:30 p.m. The railroad recently acquired the dome "Plaza Santa Fe", once used on the famous *Super Chief*, which means the tourist line now has FOUR operating Vista Domes, the most of any excursion train in the country. (*White River Current, Calico Rock, September 29*)

**BRANSON LIMITED NO MORE?** - (San Antonio-Branson, Missouri) - Apparently, the *Branson Limited*, run by the American Orient Express, only made one or two trips between San Antonio and Branson through Arkansas before dropping the expensive service. Seemingly, not enough people rode the train. (I have a nice brochure, which may now become a collector's item).

Look, Listen...  
and Live!



**FATAL CROSSING ACCIDENTS** - (Little Rock) - On October 25, a 22-year old Little Rock man ran around the downed crossing gates off an access road to I-30 in southwest Little Rock and was struck and killed by a 50 mph Union Pacific 14-car train. The red Nissan sedan was sliced into FIVE pieces. Larry Hacker, who goes to southwest Little Rock often, was on the scene and has over the years wanted more railroad overpasses in this area. He said, however, that this accident was "pure negligence on the part of that driver." (*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette,*





*October 26 via Jonathan Royce)*

(Marion) - Another fatal crossing crash occurred October 1 when a 1970 VW crossed the BN near Marion, killing three people, including a 31-year-old driver, along with 21-year-old Tanisha Smith and 4-year-old Megan Smith. Mrs. Smith was also 9 months pregnant, but the infant did not survive. (*Evening News, West Memphis, October 3*)

**OVERPASS OPENS** - (Pine Bluff) - The Convention Center Drive overpass in Pine Bluff opened September 29 after years of construction. It means that traffic won't be blocked by trains, which for years had been a problem in downtown Pine Bluff. This was the fourth and final overpass build, in projects that started in 1986 with the combining of UP and SP tracks along Fourth Avenue. Senator Dale Bumpers was instrumental in getting federal money for these projects. (*Pine Bluff Commercial, September 30, 1994*)

**DEPOT DONATIONS NEEDED** - (Hazen) - Hazen Mayor George Orlicek said his city is looking for donations to renovate the Rock Island depot and is applying for a grant to do just that. Citizens may also donate to the fund by sending gifts to the depot fund at the Hazen City Hall in Hazen. (*Grand Prairie Herald, Hazen, October 20*)



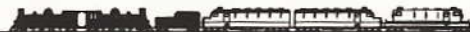
### GENERAL RAIL NEWS

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN DROPS EXCURSION PROGRAM** - NS Corporation announced October 28, 1994 that it will discontinue ALL its excursions, including the famous steam excursions after 1994. David R. Goode, chairman, said: "As much as we love the history and tradition that is attached to steam excursions, steam operations have become incompatible with our total commitment to customer service. In the 28 years our steam program has been operating, it has given us an opportunity to showcase the heritage of railroads, and we are proud of the Norfolk Southern's contribution to that heritage, but we can no longer justify the program in terms of the physical, financial and human resources that it demands."

The decision followed a September 28 accident at the Kinny Yard in Lynchburg, Virginia, where a switching move by a freight crew ran hard into the string of NS passenger cars on a siding, derailing nine of the cars, with two of them being scrapped since. The famous *Man O'War 726* had the outside rail knocked off. An excursion scheduled for October 1 had to be cancelled (the famous Autumn Leave Specials). Also, the NS excursion program apparently lost over \$200,000 so far this year.

J Class steam engine No. 611 and A Class No. 1218 will be returned to static displays in parks and the passenger equipment will be sold. The final steam excursion ever on the NS was to be held December 3 between Birmingham and Chattanooga. David Hurt of Columbus, Mississippi wonders what this means for the 1996 NRHS convention in Charlotte, NC regarding excursions? (*Barton Jennings, Daryl Cason and the White Flag Extra, Owensboro Chapter NRHS*)

**TEXAS LIMITED GONE** - (Houston) - The Houston-Galveston popular *Texas Limited* was dropped September 17, when its last run was completed. High insurance rates and operating costs hurt the carrier. It was also required to travel at 20 mph most of the way. The train operated on Union Pacific tracks (ex-KATY). UP spokesman Mark Davis said that upgrading the tracks to increase the speed would have cost millions of dollars and would have





been a bad business investment. The train used former Louisiana and North West F-units (one was No. 200). (Houston Chronicle September 10 via John Robinson)

**SP/SSW ENGINES** - Total yard engines on the SP, SSW as of August 1994: 328. Total of yard plus road units: 2,029. Average age of yard units: 21 years, 0 months. Average age of all units: 12 years, 5 months. (Jim Johnson)

*From December 1941 to August 1945, a total of 113,891 special troop trains were operated in this country. These trains carried 43,700,000 soldiers. (AAR Quiz on Railroads, 1963 via Wayne Porter)*

**RAILROADS A GOOD INVESTMENT?** - According to Steve Lewins, analyst with Gruntal & Co., railroads are increasing their investment popularity. Earnings per share for the 3rd quarter of 1994 were: BN - \$1.15; CNW - \$0.55; CR - \$1.26; CSX - \$1.74; IC - \$0.64; KCS - \$0.72; NS - \$1.25; SF - \$0.27; SP - \$0.26; UP - \$1.06. Lewins also said the current round of mergers may be a prelude to eventual consolidation into two or three huge intercontinental railroads, such as a merger of CSX and UP. (Kansas City Star, October 16 via Jerry Nunn)  
**BN/SANTA FE MERGER** would eliminate 2,750 jobs out of 45,000 in the combined road, according to a merger application before the ICC, 350 in Kansas City and 250 in Topeka, Kansas, among other locations. This would help save the combined roads \$450 million a year eventually. (Kansas City Star, October 14, 1994 via Jerry Nunn)

**UNION PACIFIC TRYING TO OUTBID BN FOR SANTA FE** - What is probably the railroad bidding war of the century, Union Pacific is trying to outbid Burlington Northern for Santa Fe, raising its bid to \$3.25 BILLION (who said railroads were dead?). Santa Fe has turned down this bid, saying the ICC would not approve a UP/SF merger). Stay tuned. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, October 12)

**KIAMICHI'S RECORD CARLOADINGS** - (Hugo, Oklahoma) - Carloadings on the Kiamichi Railroad (former BN) have continued a record setting pace and they should break the 43,000 barrier by the end of 1994. The Chaparral abandonment, south of Paris, Texas, is proceeding on schedule with BN moving these cars on Kiamichi's behalf to the Santa Fe at Fort Worth. (Kiamichi Korner, October 1994)

**KCS/IC MERGER OFF** - Both parties agreed to call off the proposed merger of KCS and IC Railroads in late October. One reason it fell through was IC's falling stock prices since the merger was announced. Most analysts and railroad watchers were pleased with the calling off of this deal. Meanwhile, the KCS is planning to rebuild its line between Dallas and Meridian, Mississippi, formerly Mid-South. The first KCS intermodal train was due to run this line on November 15 to hand over to the NS for a 7:00 a.m. arrival in Atlanta on the 16th. (David Hurt of Columbus, Mississippi and the Kansas City Star, October 25, via Jerry Nunn)

**MORE KCS NEWS** - (Monroe, Louisiana) - KCS was to run a business inspection train over the Shreveport-Meridian line November 25. Also, Ed Moyers SP car was in Ruston, Louisiana November 12. (Donald R. Smith, Monroe, Louisiana)







## AMTRAK NEWS

**AMTRAK IN TROUBLE** - This year may be the last year we'll see Amtrak service in several parts of the country, maybe even here in Arkansas. Funding for FY 1995 is insufficient to meet operating costs, so the Amtrak Board says it will decide in mid December which services to cut and lines to eliminate (eliminating lines is like eliminating tributaries to a river - once the tributaries are gone, the main river dries up - Ed.). It can do this without public notice, since the funds are lacking (even though the Democratic controlled Congress gave Amtrak over 14 percent more in 1995 than 1994, \$392 million, up from \$352 million - no telling what the Republican Congress will do, but I have a bad feeling). The *Eagle* has always been marginal on making money and may be one of the lines cut, but nothing definite on this so far.

More than 600 management positions will be eliminated as the road sets up three regional centers, one for long-distance trains, Northeast corridor and the West). Many elderly Heritage passenger cars will be disposed of. Much of the problem arises from a 6 percent drop in passenger revenues in 1994, down to \$888 million. Some of this decline was caused by bad publicity regarding Amtrak derailments (most of which were completely out of Amtrak's hands).

Amtrak became embroiled in two media controversies in October involving its advertising program. On October 13, the railroad announced it was pulling \$2 million worth of commercials from NBC because of a series of tasteless jokes by Jay Leno on the Tonight Show concerning Amtrak derailments. Sample: Referring an Amtrak ad that shows a couple cozying up on a train, Leno cracked that he knew a "near-death experience" always brought people closer together. The night of October 14, Leno really let Amtrak have it after the \$2 million was withdrawn - he showed old footage of steam train running together, etc. Two weeks later, Amtrak also withdrew advertising over radio station WABC in New York after a talk show host made some demeaning racial remarks about Amtrak.

Another reason for declining revenues was an estimated \$20 million loss due to having most trains non-smoking. (*Cinders, Philadelphia Chapter, November 1994 and NARP News*)

## EXCURSIONS/SHOWS/EVENTS OF OTHER CLUBS

☞ ...note...these are listed sequentially by dates, earliest dates being first...

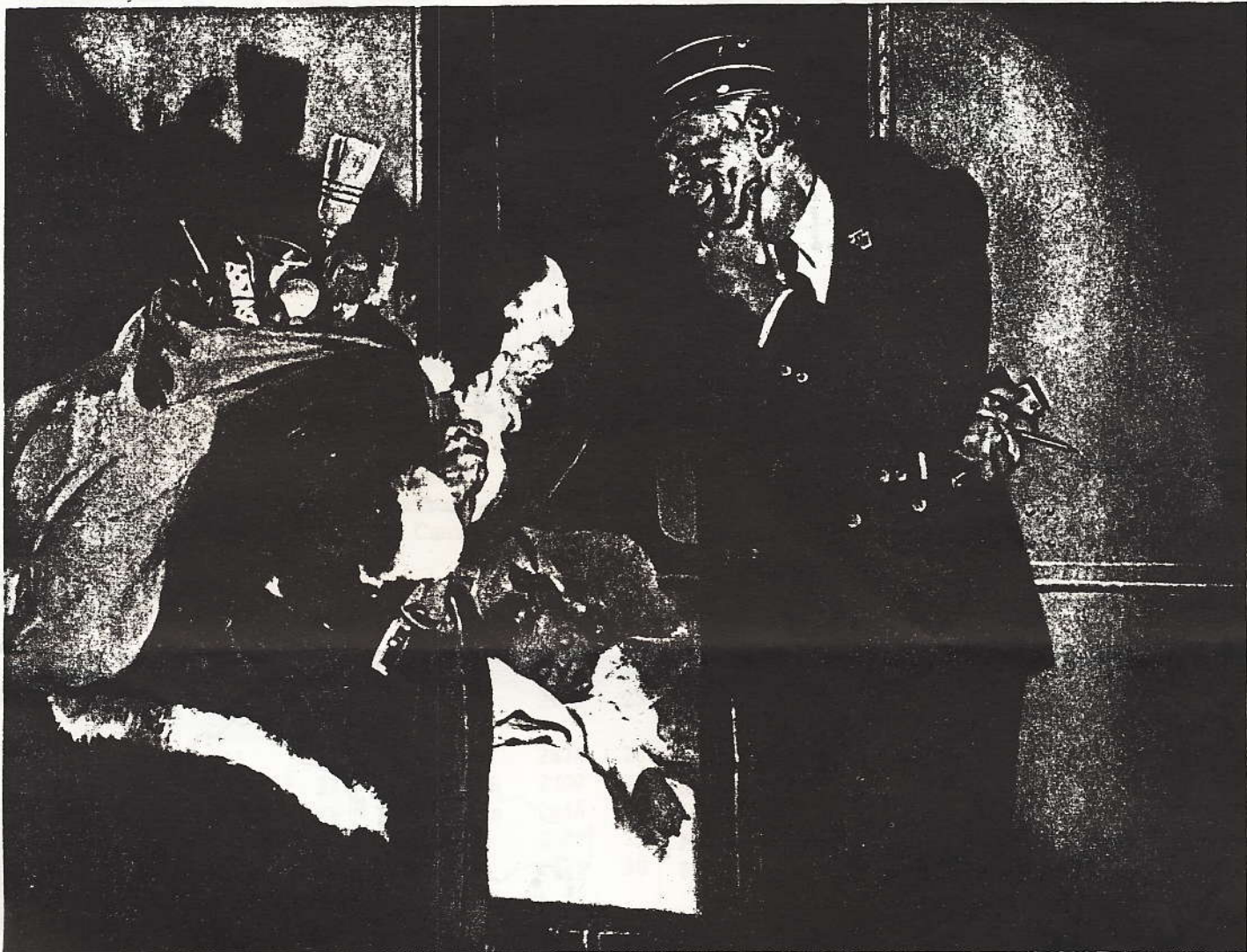
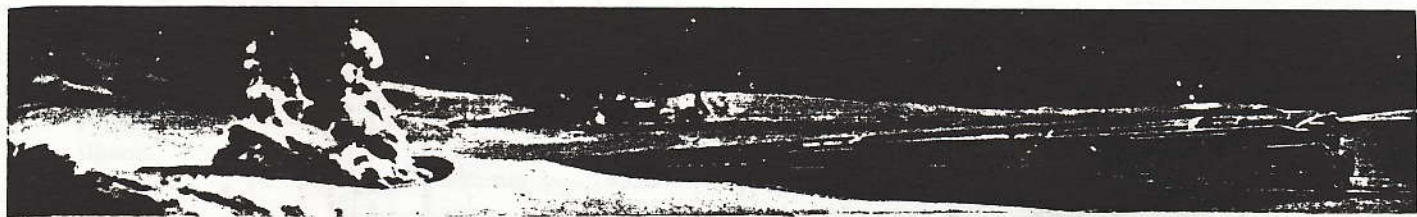
**BRANSON, MISSOURI** - The Branson Scenic Railway runs 1½-hr excursions into Arkansas over former Missouri Pacific tracks (White River Line) everyday except Tuesdays - currently they run 4 southbound trips a day - call 417-334-6110 for fares and scheduled departures - they use former *California Zephyr* dome coaches.

**OKLAHOMA CITY** - December 3-4, 1994 - Annual giant train show and sale at the fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Central Oklahoma Railfan Club.

**VANCOUVER, BC** - February 19, 1995 - steam excursion roundtrip between Vancouver and Pemberton, 180 miles, using CN #3716, a 1912 Consolidation - prices range from \$275 to \$100 - write to NRHS BC Chapter, Box 33763, Stn D, Vancouver BC V6J 4L6 or call 1-800-663-6000.









'twas the night before Christmas...

... And this little miss asleep in a cozy roomette, her stocking hung high in great expectation, symbolizes the spirit you find aboard Pennsylvania Railroad's great East-West Fleet at this season of the year. Step into cars aglow with good cheer and good fellowship... glance at the array of beribboned gifts heaped high in racks and rooms.

Stroll into the Dining Car and enjoy the festive foods of the day... get a good night's sleep in a comfortable bed—arrive refreshed. And above all, enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing your train will get you there—conveniently, and at low cost. All aboard... to a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD**

 *Serving the Nation* 







Number of Railroads by State - 1992			Total Railroad Miles by State - 1992			Rail Miles per Surface Area of State in Square Miles- '92			Rail Miles per Population 1990 - (per person)		
State	No. RR's	Rank	State	Total Miles	Rank	State	RR Miles/mi <sup>2</sup>	Rank	State	RR Miles/cap.	Rank
Pennsylvania	58	1	Texas	11,285	1	New Jersey	.1588	1	No. Dakota	.00577	1
Illinois	42	2	Illinois	7714	2	Illinois	.1384	2	Montana	.00410	2
Texas	40	3	California	6530	3	Delaware	.1372	3	Wyoming	.00344	3
New York	37	4	Kansas	5704	4	Massachusetts	.1260	4	So. Dakota	.00342	4
California	30	5	Pennsylvania	5352	5	Ohio	.1250	5	Nebraska	.00250	5
Ohio	30	5	Ohio	5120	6	Pennsylvania	.1190	6	Kansas	.00230	6
Indiana	29	7	Georgia	4759	7	Indiana	.1159	7	Idaho	.00219	7
No. Carolina	25	8	Minnesota	4684	8	West Virginia	.1103	8	Iowa	.00150	8
Arkansas	24	9	Iowa	4252	9	Rhode Island	.1087	9	West Virginia	.00140	9
Alabama	23	10	Missouri	4233	10	Connecticut	.1053	10	New Mexico	.00134	10
Michigan	23	10	Indiana	4185	11	Maryland	.0884	11	Vermont	.00123	11
Missouri	23	10	Wisconsin	4021	12	New York	.0839	12	Nevada	.00119	12
Iowa	21	13	New York	4012	13	Virginia	.0826	13	Minnesota	.00110	13
Oklahoma	21	13	Nebraska	3989	14	Georgia	.0819	14	Oklahoma	.00105	14
Tennessee	21	13	No. Dakota	3880	15	So. Carolina	.0809	15	Arkansas	.00104	15
Georgia	20	16	Michigan	3834	16	Iowa	.0760	16	Mississippi	.00103	16
Mississippi	20	16	Alabama	3628	17	Kentucky	.0739	17	Maine	.00096	17
Louisiana	19	18	Oklahoma	3423	18	Wisconsin	.0738	18	Colorado	.00093	18
Kentucky	17	19	Montana	3315	19	Vermont	.0725	19	Oregon	.00091	19
Kansas	16	20	No. Carolina	3315	20	Alabama	.0715	20	Alaska	.00090	20
Minnesota	16	20	Virginia	3286	21	Kansas	.0697	21	Alabama	.00089	21
Oregon	16	20	Washington	3083	22	No. Carolina	.0679	22	Utah	.00088	22
So. Carolina	16	20	Colorado	3079	23	Michigan	.0675	23	Wisconsin	.00084	23
Florida	14	24	Louisiana	2936	24	Louisiana	.0653	24	Missouri	.00083	24
Wisconsin	14	24	Kentucky	2929	25	Tennessee	.0634	25	Kentucky	.00079	25
Washington	13	26	Florida	2874	26	Missouri	.0614	26	Georgia	.00076	26
New Jersey	12	27	Mississippi	2709	27	Minnesota	.0590	27	Indiana	.00076	26
Maryland	11	28	West Virginia	2656	28	Mississippi	.0573	28	So. Carolina	.00071	28
Massachusetts	11	28	Tennessee	2621	29	No. Dakota	.0560	29	Washington	.00068	29
Virginia	11	28	Oregon	2478	30	Florida	.0531	30	Illinois	.00067	30
Arizona	10	31	Arkansas	2477	31	New Hampshire	.0523	31	Texas	.00067	30
Colorado	10	31	So. Carolina	2445	32	Nebraska	.0522	32	Louisiana	.00066	32
New Hampsh.	10	31	So. Dakota	2424	33	Oklahoma	.0498	33	Virginia	.00056	33
So. Dakota	10	31	Idaho	2185	34	Arkansas	.0477	34	Arizona	.00055	34
West Virginia	10	31	New Mexico	2006	35	Washington	.0463	35	Tennessee	.00054	35
Nebraska	9	36	Arizona	1855	36	Texas	.0431	36	No. Carolina	.00052	36
Vermont	9	36	Wyoming	1684	37	California	.0418	37	Ohio	.00047	37
Maine	7	38	Utah	1471	38	Maine	.0363	38	New Hampsh.	.00045	38
Montana	7	38	Nevada	1200	39	So. Dakota	.0319	39	Pennsylvania	.00045	38
Connecticut	6	40	New Jersey	1194	40	Colorado	.0297	40	Delaware	.00042	40
Delaware	6	40	Maine	1121	41	Idaho	.0264	41	Michigan	.00042	40
New Mexico	6	40	Massachusetts	986	42	Oregon	.0258	42	California	.00024	42
Utah	6	40	Maryland	874	43	Montana	.0228	43	Florida	.00024	42
Idaho	5	45	Vermont	672	44	Utah	.0179	44	New York	.00023	44
No. Dakota	4	45	Connecticut	512	45	Wyoming	.0173	45	Maryland	.00019	45
Wyoming	4	45	New Hampshire	472	46	New Mexico	.0165	46	Massachusetts	.00017	46
Nevada	2	47	Alaska	470	47	Arizona	.0164	47	Connecticut	.00016	47
Alaska	1	48	Delaware	272	48	Nevada	.0109	48	New Jersey	.00016	47
Rhode Island	1	48	Rhode Island	114	49	Alaska	.0008	49	Rhode Island	.00012	49



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