

NEWSLETTER of the BURLINGTON ROUTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, inc.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

This years Annual Meeting of the Burlington Route Historical Society will be held at The Holiday in Burlington Iowa on Saturday October 22, 1983. By now, all members have been notified of the meeting but a few quick comments are in order.

The tour of the West Burlington Shops has been arranged through the cooperation of the Shop staff, BN Mechanical Department, and a special thanks to John Hagrelus, a retired Q employee who has helped arrange the tour for us. All people planning to attend should be at the Shops, (about a half mile west of the motel) at 10:00 am sharp. There is only one tour planned and visitors should be ready to sign a liability release to the BN. We are looking forward to this with great excitement.

We are also planning on making arrangements to have a short open house at the Apple Trees, which is the County Historical Museum. The Apple Trees is the remaining portion of the home of Charles Perkins, President of the Burlington. The museum contains many local historical items plus several items of interest to Burlington fans. Tentative schedule for this open house is 10:30 to 12:00 noon. Plans will be finalized in the next few days so final notification will not be until the day of the meet. Check with an Officer for additional information.

The SWAP MEET AND SHOW will this year feature several clinics on interesting subjects. Planned so far are 1) Bob Stanage on Q railroad China, Gerald Edgar on Timetables and Passes, Roger Miller on Building and Painting Q Steam Engines, and Bat Masterson on Modeling Q Freight Cars. Schedule of the clinics will be posted on Saturday.

Members are encouraged to bring items of their personal collections to display; models you have built or modified, photo and/or slide collections or any other item of interest. This is what really makes our meeting fun. Being able to share our interests with others who share each others enthusiasm.

The program for the evening is the home movies (no, not family films of the trip to Niagara Falls) of one of our best known photo historians. Bernard Corbin of Red Oak, co-author of Steam Locomotives of the Burlington Route and The Burlington in Transition will attend the Meeting and present his collection of movies featuring of course the CB&Q plus several other treats. We are looking forward to this program and appreciate Mr. Corbins participation in this years Meeting.

Each year our meetings get a little better and this ones appears to be no exception. We're looking forward to meeting as many new faces as well seeing many old friends.

An informal open house will be held at the local Model Railroad Club for those arriving on Friday. The club is located at the Hobby Craft Shop in Burlington at 803 Jefferson St. The layout will be open during the evening store hours. Pending final arrangements, the layout may also be open on Saturday. Notification of schedule will be made on Saturday.

The Annual Meeting will feature several reports on various aspects of BRHS business as well as the election of three Director positions. Anyone having business to discuss at the meeting should contact a Director before the scheduled meeting.

1984 Dues Increased

With the next issue of the Burlington Bulletin, most memberships will expire. Dues renewals will be included with issue #9.

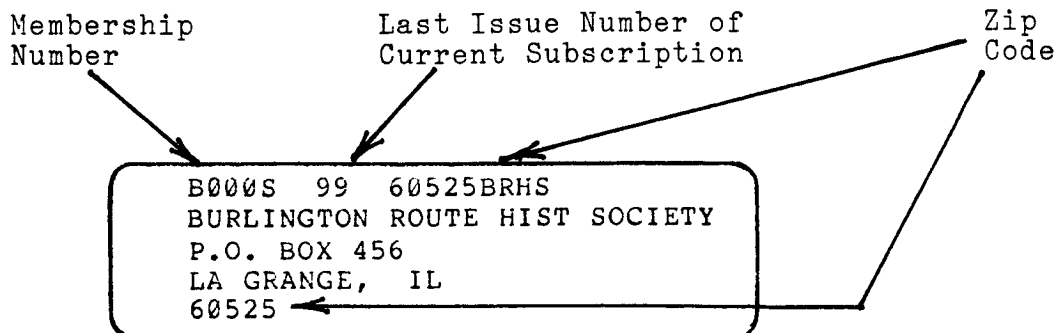
Due to increasing costs and an expanded Bulletin, the Board of Directors at its April 29th meeting voted to raise the 1984 dues to \$10.00 for regular and \$20.00 for sustaining. This will enable the BRHS to maintain and improve the quality of its publications. The \$10.00 / \$20.00 dues is still the best value among all of the major historical societies. And at a magazine stand price of \$3.50 per issue, less than the \$14.00 it would cost you retail, the membership price is a good value plus you receive the Zephyr (although irregular) too! The Board hopes that this is not a discouragement to our members. We feel that you too want to maintain and improve the quality of our publications. Looking forward to your continued support and participation.

Membership Info

COMMENTS from the Membership Secretary - Dave Sarther

Your mailing label has a new look! With this issue we have started a new procedure which will help us get the Bulletin and Zephyr to you more easily. As the BRHS membership approaches 500, and with future growth expected, we felt this change was necessary.

Please take a few minutes to check the data on your label. If there should be any errors or omissions, please notify me as soon as possible.



Always let us know about a change of address as soon as possible because this will insure the continuity of your subscription. The Post Office does not forward bulk mail. In any correspondence, please include either membership number (as indicated on your mailing label) or your mailing label itself. This will insure us finding you among the maze of blips and bleaps on the floppy disk.

A series of three books published over the last four years by Interurbans, Glendale, CA, may be of interest to Q fans. The first two, both authored by Edmund Keilty, deal with motorcars. Interurbans Without Wires: The Rail Motorcar in the United States, published in 1979 and now out of print (although still available in some bookstores), covers steam, gas-mechanical and gas-electric cars by manufacturer. All of the Burlington's motorcars can be found here in builders' rosters, although there are only three Q photos--a front view, a gas-electric being pulled by a Pacific, and an ad for the Pioneer Zephyr. Still, this book is the best done of the three.

The second volume, Doodlebug Country: The Rail Motorcar on the Class I Railroads of the United States, came out last year and is still available. As the title implies, it attempts to cover motorcar operations railroad by railroad. The CB&Q is covered in seven pages, with another page and a half for C&S, FW&D/Wichita Valley and T&BV/Burlington-Rock Island. Of the seven Q pages, three contain a reasonably complete and accurate roster (including Zephyr units 9900-9903 and 9908 and the original Zephyrs' cars), half a page is a "typical" timetable excerpt for Iowa branches during the 1940's, half a page is a railroad diagram sheet for the 9900, and one page is a system map with motorcar routes shaded. The map is a farce, as nearly half of the total number of routes are omitted. This leaves two pages for text and photos; the text is minimal and very general, and there are six photos--9772 and Silver Pendulum at Lincoln, the Mark Twain Zephyr at Keokuk (although the location is not identified), front and rear builder's photos of 9768. 9099 switching at Monmouth, and trailer 3664 at Cheyenne. In addition, the subsidiary sections contain rosters and two more photos--C&S 402 in Denver and B-RI 63 in Dallas. Only the B-RI section has text, and there is more for this simple operation than for the entire CB&Q!

The third member of the trio will be an even bigger disappointment to Q fans. Dawn of the Diesel Age: The History of the Diesel Locomotive in America, by John F. Kirkland, a retired Baldwin engineer, came out this summer. It deals with the development of the diesel engine and the diesel locomotive up through 1938 only and repeatedly reflects the author's anti-EMC bias. (The bias may be warranted, but it should not be so blatantly reflected in a scholarly work.) And pioneer though the Q was in the operation of diesel locomotives, the road is mentioned only five times in the entire 198-page book. Locomotives of the lesser builders (like the Q's three Midwest centercabs) are dismissed as being copies of the major builders' work, and photos used to illustrate the 14-page chapter on definitions are frequently from the wrong era. Perhaps most ironically, the photo used to illustrate a steeplecab locomotive is a Whitcomb builder's photo of Q 9120. Called a diesel in the caption, 9120 was a gas-electric (with its fuel tank clearly stencilled "Gasoline"), built by a subsidiary of the author's own employer. The only other Burlington material in the book relates to the early Zephyr power units, with photos of 9900 in Denver, 9900's Winton 201A engine in the Smithsonian, 9904 at Minneapolis and 9906A and B at LaGrange when new. In addition, the rear endpaper shows 9906A and B leaving Denver Union Station with the Denver Zephyr's first run.

If you're planning on acquiring any of these three books solely for their Burlington information, look at them before spending your money.

For those interested in railroad dining car china, a book is due out this fall which may tell all you ever wanted to know. Dining on Rails, by Richard Luckin of Denver, is to have some 700 photos in its 300+ pages, along with 100 pages of text. Photos of virtually all china patterns used by American railroads will be included, along with other information of interest to railroad china collectors. Pre-publication price of the 8½ x 11 book is \$36.95 plus \$2.00 postage/handling until October 15th, 1983. Order from RK Publishing, 3875 Eaton St., Denver, CO 80212.

Modeling News

MAINLINE MODELER magazine has been particularly kind to Q fans and modelers the past few months. The May issue contained drawings and data on an Olge steel coaling tower of the type used by the Burlington at a number of locations including Denver, McCook, LaCrosse, and Bonneville, Wyo. In fact, drawings of the Q tower at Bonneville were used in preparing Mainline Modelers' drawings. A brass model of the tower has already been announced, and hopefully kits for the structure will be offered by one or more manufacturers.

The June issue contained painting and lettering data for Q GP 7's and GP 9's in the original black and gray scheme, as well as a lovely two-page photo of 0-5 5605 on a freight at Somonauk, IL in 1941.

And topping it off, the August and September issues carry plans and a modeling article on the Q's standard 100,000 gallon steel water tank. This is another one which hopefully will be made commercially available in model form in the not too distant future.

Our thanks to Bob Hundman of MAINLINE MODELER for publishing this valuable material. - Hol Wagner.

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Modeling Notes - Gerald Edgar, et.all.

In the last Zephyr I mentioned the Lambert model of the Mack Rail-bus. This is a rather expensive brass model that not everyone may wish to purchase. NOW, there is a less expensive version available from Vintage Vehicles. It is a 160 piece plastic kit comparable in quality to the Gould crane or other craftsman plastic kits. It is unpowered but may be adaptable to a flea or other similar small motor. It retails for around \$15.00.

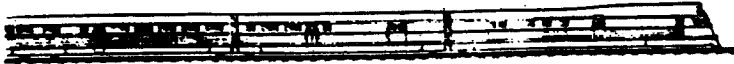
There is now finally available a good HO scale model of a corncrib. Those of us who model a good granger railroad (like the Q) have long suffered from a lack of rural buildings. All there has been available has been a barn or two. But now, Springdale Stranger Creek, RR#1, Box 220, McLouth, KS 66054, offers one with board by board construction for \$10.95 (see page 48 of November 83 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman) available direct only. It builds to $1\frac{5}{8}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". has corrugated roof, templates, etc. and is typical of a Midwest corn crib (seen plenty of them in Iowa)

Granger modelers will be also interested in Campbell Scale Model's new kit of a grain storage bin (see page 13 of Nov. RMC). This is designed to be used in conjunction with Campbell's grain elevator #384. It measures $3\frac{3}{4}$ "w x $7\frac{1}{4}$ "l x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "h and is kit number 449.

For those interested in signaling, N&G Railway Signal Company, P.O.Box 22435, San Diego, CA 92122 has just introduced the US&S style H-2 Searchlight Signal in HO. The kit, # S-100 for \$19.95, is an excellent model in the N&G style and functions well creating an outstanding atmosphere. This is actually a re-release of a model absent for three years. It's a must for all Q modelers.

O scale modelers will be interested in the latest release from The Smoke Stack Hobby Kits Co., 120 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130. It is a wood coaling tower similar to those used on the Q, most notably in the Chicago area, the Eola tower at Eola, IL. Although the price may make you catch your breath, an introductory special will lessen the bite. (see page 41, Nov 83 RMC). We would like to hear comments on this kit from anyone who has experience with it.

BRHS 1984 Zephyr Calendar



In honor of the 50th anniversary of Burlington Route's PIONEER ZEPHYR, the Burlington Route Historical Society is producing its first BRHS calendar. The Calendar will feature a Silver cover with a black and white photo with each month. Photos will be of the Pioneer Zephyr plus several other early Zephyrs, and maybe even a steam engine! The date grid on the calendar will feature several dates of historic interest. Production will be limited. They will be available from the BRHS for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. We hope every member will partake in this special offer for a very special event. To order, send \$6.00 per copy to; BRHS-Calendar. P.O.Box 456, LaGrange, IL 60525

Exchange Place

- WANTED: "Burlington In Transition", "Passenger Cars of the Burlington Northern", "From Zephyr to Amtrak". State price and condition.
Charles Zeiler, 2745 W. Logan Bl., Chicago, IL 60647
- FOR SALE: Rail Slides; many sets of various RR subjects available. LSSAE for details - \$6.00 for full listing catalogue.
HI-RAIL SLIDES. P O Box 1694, Mesquite, TX 75149
- WANTED: "Land of the Burlington - HINSDALE" poster. Issued by the "Q" in the late 60's for advertising. State price and condition.
Mark Hinsdale, Rt. 1, Box 25, Carrollton, VA 23314 (804)357-6877
- FOR SALE: Railroadiana - some "Q" items available. LSSAE for list
Paul Yorkis, 530 Sidney Street, Greensburg, PA 15601
- WANTED: one copy "Diesels West" by Morgan. State price and condition.
AND Color slides of Diesels "Q" C&S FW&D - F 7's, E's, SD's and GP's and SW's. available slides price etc, would accept duplicates.
M.S. Field, 32 Gibbs Crescent, Red Hill, Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand.
- FOR SALE: Alco Models SW 1500, Oriental Models SW 1200 both mint. Chinese Red-custom painted and decaled via Ted's Engine House. Offers to:
M.S.Field, 32 Gibbs Crescent, Red Hill, Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand.
- TRADE: "Q" for "Q" only. Stainless Steel trust plate from ex "Q" pass cars, plus several embossed end door name plates. First consideration to lanterns or annual passes.
Robert Elliott, Jr., Rt.1, Box 59E, Pittsboro, IN 46167
- WANTED: Will buy pictures of anything on the line from Keokuk to Shenandoah Motive Power, rolling stock, structures. state price and description
Bernard Corbin, 311 High St., Red Oak, IA 51566
- FOR SALE: BID 1st edition 2nd printing (w Misc. photo sec.) no dust jacket, "Steam Locos ' of the Burlington". Also one copy of "Burlington in Transition". And one copy of "Great Strike on the Q" published in 1889. Best offer received three weeks after receipt of the ZEPHYR.
Gerald Edgar, 416 E. Pomeroy, West Chicago, IL 60185

HELP !

- HELP: need help and information in the restoring of CB&Q NE-1 #14006.
Chris Hornocker, 6075 NW 61st Ave., Des Moines, IA 50324
- HELP: Need information on CB&Q steam engine booster cars #40 and 200
equipped with Bethlehem Boosters. Plans, photos and references
needed. Karl Kirkman, 17500 Skyline Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904
- HELP: The Brookfield Historical Society is restoring the Grossdale station
and is in need of interior and exterior photos of the station at
all times of its existence. Photos of Congress Park and Hollywood
are also requested. Contact; Mary Kircher, BHS, 9 S. 060 Lake Drive,
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
- HELP: Need information; anyone interested in corresponding with keen
Burlington modeler living in New Zealand, who models circa 1965
HO scale, please contact; M.S.Field, 32 Gibbs Crescent, Red Hill,
Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand.
- HELP: Need photos and drawings of CB&Q EMC gas electrics # 570-571 (later
9835, 9836) and #572 (later 9837) for a possible model.
W & R Enterprises, P.O.Box 3235, Alhambra, CA 91803.
- HELP: Doing research for the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association and need
a photo copy of reproducible quality of a public timetable for
January 1917 showing train schedule for train from Denver to Cody
Wyoming and return. State terms for repro cost.;
Lee Myers, P.O.Box 460, Cody, WY 82414; 307/527-6212
- HELP: Tomar Industries wants to do all CB&Q drumheads not already in their
line, esp. General Pershing and 1947 Twin Cities Zephyrs. Need color
prints, slides or official diagrams showing colors. Send info to;
Dennis Popish, 43 Dineff Road, Lemont, IL 60439. Dennis is coordinat-
ing efforts for this project.



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