

Part 2

How to Use the New Updated BRHS Photo System

A look at how the keyword launch page works

The use of a 'Keyword /string' is the most common and the most powerful technique used in searching today. The keyword maybe single word. The search engine will look for that word in multiple fields in the database. If multiple words such as "Red Oak" or "EMD 456" are used, these words are not separated and searched individually. They will be searched for as a single expression or you may think of it a 'string of letters and spaces'. Where it finds a match, it will return the photo.

Sometimes the keyword used maybe part of a larger word. In cases like this if the search engine see a match of the letters it will return the photos. For example the keyword word 'brown' will return photos that contain the word 'Browning', 'Brownville' and 'Mr. C. W. Brown' in the title or descriptions. It does not just return whole word matches.

You can further limit your search results by including one of the filters such as the 23 categories, legacy album groups, color palette or the merger date. For example, if you are only interest in photos of the Aurora depot, you can enter Aurora as a keyword and then check the category 'Box H' for Depots and Stations. This will limit the photos return to just ones of the Aurora depot.

This page is the same on both the public and the Members Only area.

Return to Photos Menu Members Only Menu Link to HOME Page

PHOTO SEARCH FACILITY

1. Keywords: Enter single keyword: (Optional)

Keyword examples are: 2-4-2, SD9, snow or Aurora. The keyword search is performed on four fields: Title, Description, City and Keywords.

Filter Options... To get good searching results you must add a keyword or check one or more category boxes.

2. Category: Check the category boxes to limit your search to these subject categories. If no boxes are checked the search will cover all images in the database.

<input type="checkbox"/> A Engineering and Design	<input type="checkbox"/> J Maintenance of Way	<input type="checkbox"/> S Zephyr Trains
<input type="checkbox"/> B Fan Trips & Ceremonials	<input type="checkbox"/> K Bridges & Tunnels	<input type="checkbox"/> T Rolling Stock - Intermodal & containers
<input type="checkbox"/> C Train Accidents	<input type="checkbox"/> L Industries	<input type="checkbox"/> U Shops & Service Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> D Weather & Floods	<input type="checkbox"/> M Signals & Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> V Track, Yards & Maps
<input type="checkbox"/> E Graphics & Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> N Locomotives - Diesel	<input type="checkbox"/> W Vehicles & Misc.
<input type="checkbox"/> F Misc. & Collectibles	<input type="checkbox"/> O Locomotives - Steam	<input type="checkbox"/> X Un-Categorized
<input type="checkbox"/> G Employees, Offices & Dispatching	<input type="checkbox"/> P Rolling Stock - Freight	<input type="checkbox"/> Y Needs More Information
<input type="checkbox"/> H Depots & Stations	<input type="checkbox"/> Q Rolling Stock - Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Z Consider Deleting
<input type="checkbox"/> I Depots & Stations - Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> R Rolling Stock - Waycars	

3. Legacy Album: Select an legacy album to filter:

4. Palette: All Photos Only Color photos Only Black and White Photos

5. Merger: All Photos Only pre-1970 Merger Photos Only post-1970 Merger Photos

6. Sort by: Title Photographer Collector Station Name, State Image Date Record Number

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A look at how the 23 category launch page works

The use of 23 categories to browse images is suited for times when you are looking for the car details, depot styles, size, colors, or something else. Keyword searches are not always the most effective tool to find the photo you need.

The 23 category launch form is simple and easy to use. Just open the drop down list showing the 23 categories and click on the one you want. Then select the sort order which you want. Then click on the Submit button and you will be moved on the browsing pages to see the images returned.

Up near the top of the page, between the Members Only banner, and the Photo System banner are several links to other parts of BRHS web site. These links provide basic navigation from pages where the normal navigation bar is missing on the left side of the page.

This page is the same on both the public and the Members Only area.

The screenshot shows the BRHS Photo System interface. At the top, there is a banner with the text "Burlington Route" and images of various trains. Below the banner, there are four navigation links: "Link to Search", "Link to Photo Menu", "Link to Members Only Menu", and "Link to HOME page". The main heading is "SELECT IMAGES TO BROWSE USING CATEGORIES". Below this, there is a form with a dropdown menu for "Filter Your Browsing by Selecting a Photo Category:" and a "Submit" button. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of 26 categories with their respective image counts. The categories are:

- 1 - Locomotives - Steam (Images: 9072)
- 2 - Locomotives - Diesel (Images: 4496)
- 3 - Rolling Stock - Freight (Images: 3066)
- 4 - Rolling Stock - Passenger (Images: 2609)
- 5 - Rolling Stock - Waycars (Images: 766)
- 6 - Zephyr Trains (Images: 635)
- 7 - Rolling Stock Intermodal & Containers (Images: 4)
- 8 - Depots and Stations (Images: 4144)
- 9 - Fair Trips and Ceremonials (Images: 503)
- 10 - Track, Yards and Maps (Images: 1875)
- 11 - Train Accidents (Images: 856)
- 12 - Weather and Floods (Images: 216)
- 13 - Graphics and Advertising (Images: 4702)
- 14 - Misc. and Collectables (Images: 4367)
- 15 - Employees, Offices and Dispatching (Images: 985)
- 16 - Maintenance of Way (Images: 1284)
- 17 - Engineering and Design (Images: 110)
- 18 - Bridges and Tunnels (Images: 1624)
- 19 - Industries (Images: 24)
- 20 - Signals and Communications (Images: 14)
- 21 - Shops and Service Facilities (Images: 1679)
- 22 - Vehicles and Misc. (Images: 182)
- 23 - Depots and stations - Demolition (Images: 97)
- 24 - Un-Categorized (Images: 1438)
- 25 - Needs Information (Images: 4)
- 26 - Consider Deletng (Images: 26)

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A look at how the legacy albums launch page works

The legacy album method draws from the Flickr platform the 155 albums or subject categories. Just open the drop down list showing the 155 categories and click on the one you want. Then select the sort order which you want. Then click on the Submit button and you will be moved on the browsing pages to see the images returned.

The legacy album categories are much more specific, than the 23 categories that have been used in the past. However only those images that were copied from the Flickr platform are assigned a legacy album category. For the time being, several thousand images, the non-Flickr images, will not be found with this method.

The legacy album's narrower classification helps by eliminating the number of unwanted images.

This page is not available on the public version of the BRHS Photo System.

Learn more about the New BRHS Photo System tomorrow in Part 3

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