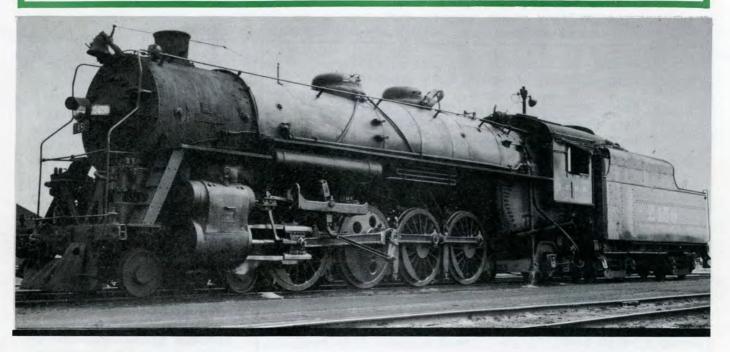


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# RUN TO CATCH THE TRAIN

When I was but a small boy, no older than the age of five, I remember a world that was exciting and very much alive, My parents and I lived on a large and spacious dairy farm, I remember on icy cold mornings, how the cow's milk was warm.

My most vivid memory, the one that lingers to this day still, Were the days I spent with my father, in the town of Bargersville. It was a small Indiana town where we took our grain to unload, And a place where I learned about the Illinois Central Railroad.

With giant engines of black, hissing steam and breathing fire, A sight that a five year old could not help but love and admire. But in town was not the only place that I could catch a glimpse, For on our farm, the tracks bordered on our back pasture fence.

I can remember playing in the field as my parents worked the ground, When from far off in the distance would come an unmistakable sound. My mother would take my hand and off to the pasture we would fly, And just as we reached the fence, the smoking giant thundered by.

Thirty years have now passed since I made that fast paced run, But to this very day, I remember the excitement and the fun. The pasture is gone now, and diesels now replace the steam's strain, But I'll never forget the times when we would "Run To Catch The Train".

David A. Fishel 10/30/82

# IC STEAM ENGINES

David Daisy and the tode! cormittee are wor' inc on a two bay Athearn offset side hopper car in the oxide red paint scheme with the Main Line of "id America sloran for our next car project. Details and ordering information in our next issue.

In this issue is the first of a series of articles on IC steam power. The entire story of IC's steamers will keep us busy for many issues to come. We will present the story of one group or type of engine at a time and try to explain why the engines were built or rebuilt and where they were used on the railroad.

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DUES DUE? "ave you paid your 1983 dues yet?

end of the steam era. She was rebuilt at Paducah in 1944 or 1945 and retired from service in 1960. Gerald Carson Photo Bottom Photo - #2552 and one of the 500 series cisterns next to the

ON THE COVER

Mountains - The kind you

Top Photo - #2450 a pro-

duct of Alco built in 1926

served the I.C. until the

could see on the I.C.

unique Paducah coaling tower. #2552 was built with the boiler from 2-10-2 #2998 in 1942 and was retired in 1959.

Bruce Meyer Thoto.

ANNUAL MEETING PADUCAH KENTUCKY AUGUST 13, 1983



Model - Jim Kubajak Photo - Tom Grant

# "1196 PROJECT"

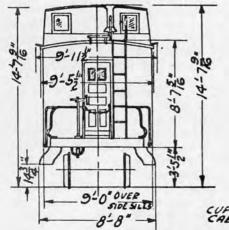
Member Ted Richardson is working on plans to have a brass engine produced and imported of an I.C. modernized Pacific #1196, one of the last steam passenger Pacifics used on the I.C. Plans are to offer the model to I.C.H.S. members at the lowest possible price if payment is made in advance of the production of the engine. We will bring you more information on the 1196 project as soon as it is available.

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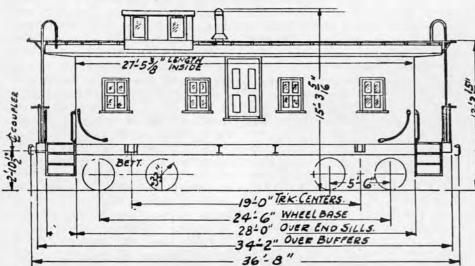
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28'0" CABOOSE AAR Designation "NE" Avg Lt Wt 40,600 lbs.

Blt. Numbers Blt. by 1923 99151-99175 ICRR 1923 99176-99250 AC&F 1923 99251-99375 AC&F 1926 99376-99425 AC&F 1929 99426-99450 AC&F Renumbered 9151-9450

CUPOLA REMOVED ON CABOOSE No. 9258



by Jim Kubajak

IC 9223 is classified as a 28' caboose built by American Car and Foundry (AC&F) in 1923. The model is based on information from a drawing by Bruce Meyer in the July 1971 Model Railroader, and a spring issue of Great World of Model Railroading. There were several variations of the 28' caboose design; some had side doors and others did not; some had one window in the cupola side and others had two. These cabooses were used into the mid 1950's and 9251 was photographed in service in 1951. Model: 9223 is const-

ructed mostly from styrene except for the roof which is sheet aluminum. The underframe is made from wood shapes and the cupola is a Kadee metal casting.

Photo - G.V. Carson



THE VERY NAMES are music to the ears of men who love railroading—Atlantic, Mogul, Pacific, Mikado, Central, Lima, Consolidation, Mountain.

As short a time ago as 1951 the Illinois Central Magazine ran a fourpage article about the steam locomotives on the Illinois Central's power roster, with pictures of the great engines that had been prominent on the railroad during the 100 years that steam reigned supreme. But that year of 1951 was Indian summer for the steamers. The article listed 444 Mikados, 136 Mountain types and 550 Lima, Central, Pacific and other types, for a total of 1,130 steam locomotives on the railroad's power roster in 1951. Already there were 130 glamourless diesel-electric locomotives growling around in Illinois Central yards. Others, more dressy in Illinois Central orange and brown, were flashing through the countryside at the head of the railroad's crack passenger trains.

From the beginning of its publication in 1909, the magazine recorded in word and picture the arrivals and retirements of the railroad's locomotives. The first decade of the century saw the arrival of the heavy Moguls, Atlantics, small Pacifics and Consolidation type locomotives. Faster passenger schedules brought the large Pacifics, a 140-ton locomotive that afficianados of the facinating steamers call one of the finest steam locomotives ever built.

In 1911, the need for heavier and faster freight engines brought a newcomer to the Illinois Central's power roster, the Mikado. The stubby, powerful Mikados proved suitable and efficient over great parts of the railroad because of favorable grades and curves. For the next 13 years Mikados were purchased in great numbers and took over the major part of the company's freight train service. Ultimately more than a third of the railroad's motive power was Mikado. That ratio continued on up to the early 1950's, when the diesels began arriving every year in fleets of 70.

In 1920-23, Central type locomotives were bought as "heavy drag" power for territory where grades and curves overtaxed the Mikados. In 1926 Limas began arriving and were placed in service to fill the gap between the Mikados and the Centrals, to handle trains too heavy for the Mikados and too fast for the Centrals.

A far-sighted program for upgrading locomotives in the years before and during World War II proved to be of the utmost importance to the Illinois Central during the traffic-swollen war years. The tractive power of hundreds of locomotives was increased by building up pressure and by equipping them with mechanical stokers, larger tenders, new-type drivers and forced-feed lubricators. In all, 1,674 engines

were improved and converted between 1935 and 1942. These improved locomotives proved to be the muscles for the miracle of transportation performed by the Illinois Central when train after train moved through the railroad's yards and over its tracks. Additionally, during World War II, the Illinois Central built 20 Mountain type locomotives at Paducah Shop. They were the last steamers added to the railroad's power roster and are generally regarded as the finest steam engine ever to run on the railroad.

But the march of the diesel was steady and swift, gaining momentum as the economies possible by dieselization became more and more evident. In a matter of 15 short years after the railroad's locomotive builders at Paducah Shop turned out the last of the mighty Mountains, the fleet of almost 1,300 steamers had dwindled to a rear guard of 50 or so engines kept in "mothballs" at Paducah and Centralia, and an odd switcher or two on the St. Louis and Kentucky divisions.

The February, 1959, issue of the magazine carried a picture of one of the four steam locomotives placed back in service to handle increased coal traffic in southern Illinois. More than a few railroad men, hearing the distant sound of a steam whistle, missed a heart beat and remembered the years when the majestic steam locomotives seemed the noblest of all the machines ever made by man.

Reprinted from Illinois Central Magazine

IC NEWS FROM THE PAST

# Speed BC-2's Schedule

(January, 1956)—Dispatch train BC-2 began offering Florida shippers third morning delivery of perishables to Chicago. The new schedule for the Florida-Chicago train cuts a full day off the old running time.

→ Watering a 2500, the coal already topped off ICRR photo

Photo - Bruce R. Meyer →





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# ILLINOIS CENTRAL STEAM - THE MOUNTAINS - Part 1.

By Tom Grant

There were three main groups of Mountain type locomotives on the Illinois Central.(4-8-2 wheel arrangement) The first group of engines,(2400 - 2459) was built between 1923 - 1926 by Alco (American Locomotive Company) at their Schenectady works, and Lima (Lima Locomotive Company). These engines served the IC until they were scrapped or retired between 1955 - 1960. These first Mountain types were built for passenger service to move the longer passenger trains which were too heavy for the Pacifics (4-6-2) that were already on the roster. The 2400's operated at 225 lb. boiler pressure. Engines 2300 -2307 and 2350 - 2352 were created from 2400 class engines in 1944 and 1945 when they were rebuilt with new boilers and higher boiler pressure - 245 lb.

In the late 1920's the IC experimented with using the 2400 class Mountains for fast freight work. These experiments proved the profitability of fast freight service on stock trains operating on the Iowa Division bringing livestock to market at Union Stockyards in Chicago, and on IC's Strawberry Specials.\*

During the 1920's the operating objective on most railroads was tonnage, moving longer and heavier trains. Speed was not the primary goal of locomotive design, but rather power. On the IC one group of engines purchased for drag freight service were the 2-10-2 or Central types, (known as Santa Fe types on other railroads). These engines were built in 1920 - 21 to U.S.R.A. heavy specifications and numbered 2901 - 3025.

By the mid thirties with increasing competition in transportation, speed in passenger as well as freight service was becoming important. These 2-10-2 engines, origionally designed for drag freight work, were made obsolete by the new trend to fast freight, yet they were only about fifteen years old, and not worn out by any means. The IC maintained the steam engine fleet quite well and engines quite often gave thirty to forty years of service. But now the IC found themselves with 125 2-10-2's that couldn't move the freight fast enough.

In 1936 train MS-1 began fast freight service to Memphis from Chicago overnight with seven stops enroute. The train was a success and the IC knew they needed more fast freight, engines to be competitive. 2400 class Mountains had been used on MS-1.

The 2-10-2 engines were disassembled and used to rebuild and remanufacture many engines on the IC. Boilers from the 2-10-2's were used to make the second main group of Mountain type engines, the 2500's. Engines 2500 - 2555 were built in two groups between 1937 and 1942. One of this group, 2540 along with 2418 were the only engines on the IC to be equipped with roller bearings.

The last group of Mountains on the IC were the 2600's. Engines 2600 - 2619 were built new at Paducah and were essentially copied from the 2500's, although they had higher boiler pressure and smaller cylinder diameters. The 2600's were the heaviest Mountain type engines ever built. The 2500 and 2600 class engines were assigned to Markham yards and operated mainly on the IC lines throughout Illinois.

Floyd R. Mays was General Superintendent of Motive Power on the IC at the time of the rebuilding of the railroads steam engine fleet. Under his guidance hundreds of engines were rebuilt or built new at the Paducah, Ky. shops. Increasing the steam pressure was the most important mechanical improvement to the engines rebuilt, but the trademark of the Paducah engines was the rectangular cast steel sand dome. These sand domes make it easy to identify Paducah rebuilt engines. Floyd R. Mays later became an IC Vice President.

<sup>\*</sup> For more information on the importance of on time performance of Iowa Division stock trains see the Union Stockyards story which appeared in issue #9. A story on the IC Strawberry Specials is in the works. Ed.



Photo - G.V. Carson

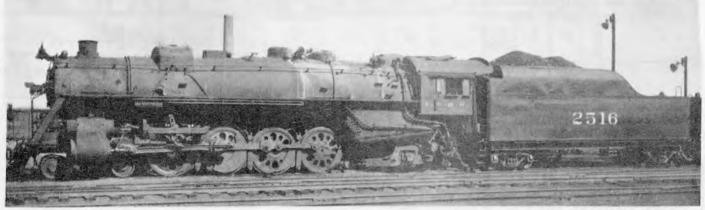
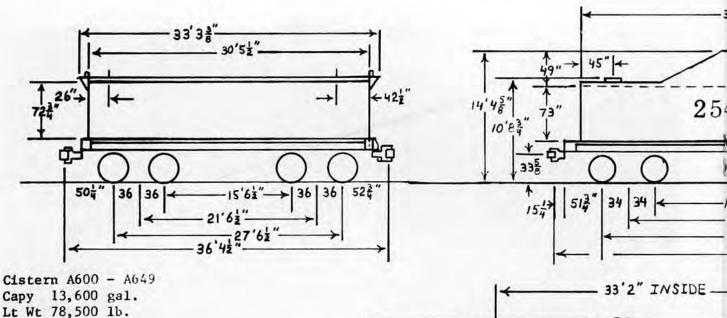


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PINAPO TENDER

TENDER CAPY WATER 11,000 gal. TENDER CAPY COAL 24 TONS

LT WT TENDER LD WT TENDER

86,000 lb. 225,500 lb.

2901 TENDER

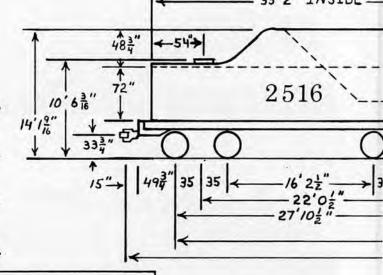
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LT WT TENDER

80,000 lbs.

LD WT TENDER

219,500 lbs.



# ILLINOIS CENTRAL 2500 CLASS MOUNTAINS

JOURNALS-DRIVING, MAIN JOURNALS-DRIVING, OTHER JOURNALS-ENGINE TRUCK JOURNALS-TRAILER, FRONT

Ld Wt 192,000 1b.

Journals 6" x 11"

13"x14" 12½"x14"

ARCH TUBES FIREBOX

46.0 SQ FT 386.0 SQ FT

7"x12" 9"x14"

FLUES AND TUBES TOTAL

4728.0 SQ FT 271 TUBES 5160.0 SQ FT

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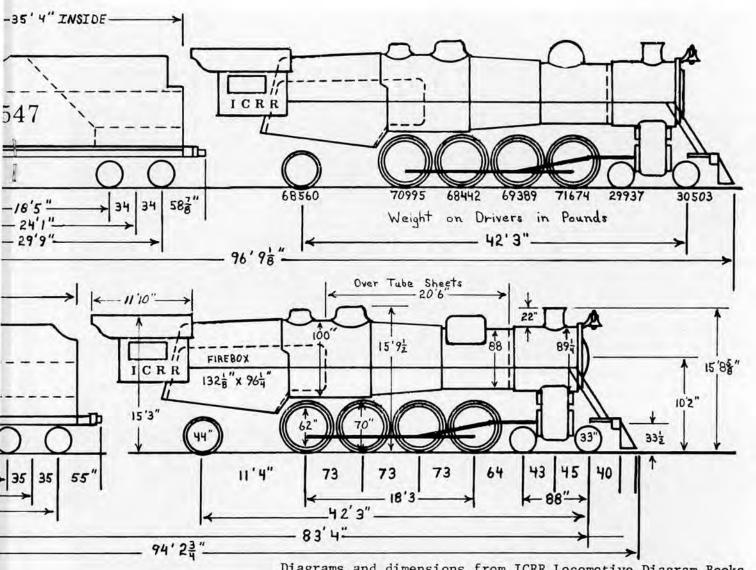
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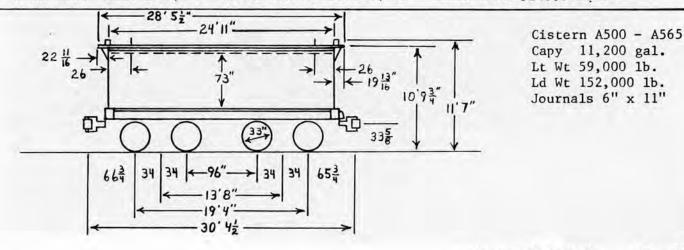
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Diagrams and dimensions from ICRR Locomotive Diagram Books See photos for details and end views...

H.S. WITH CIRCULATORS
CIRCULATORS 99.5 SQ FT
FIREBOX 383.7 SQ FT
TOTAL H.S. 5211.2 SQ FT

H.S. WITH 2 SYPHONS ARCH TUBES 23.5 SQ FT SYPHONS 88.0 SQ FT TOTAL H.S. 5225.5 SQ FT H.S. WITH 4 SYPHONS
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SYPHONS 108.5 SQ FT
TOTAL H.S. 5246.0 SO FT

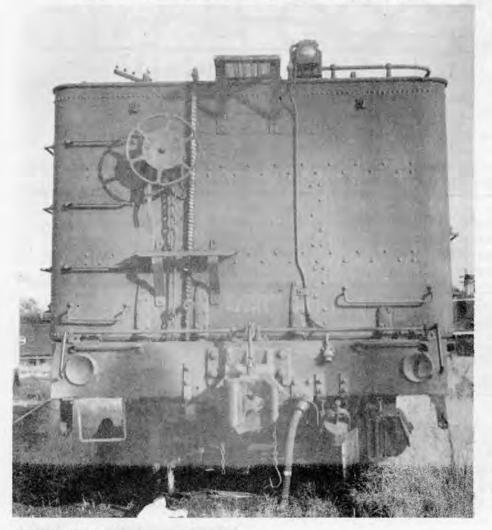


# ILLINOIS CENTRAL AUXILIARY TENDERS

There were three sizes of auxiliary tenders, or cisterns used on the I.C. between 1941 and the end of steam in the early 1960's. The 28'  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " series A500 - A565 were the first built, beginning in 1941. The longest cisterns, the 33'  $3^3/8$ " A600 - A649 were built between 1947 and 1952. The third group, six 28' 10" tenders were built in 1950. The model recently released by Oriental Limited is one of the 500 series. See the built date chart for dates of particular tenders. All of the auxiliary tenders were built by the I.C.

The auxiliary tenders were used to extend the range of engines between fueling and watering stops. Regular tenders were often modified to hold more coal by extending the side boards and enlarging the depth of the coal bunker by moving the slope sheet further back. This decreased the space available for water in the tender and created the need for the auxiliary tenders. The 2500's and 2800's (2-10-2's) were equipped with connections to use auxiliary tenders. They could also be seen behind "mikes" (2-8-2's) occasionally. On at least one occasion

A-529 at Paducah Ky, 10-60 Bruce Meyer photo



Illinois Central Auxiliary Tenders Dates Built

1941 A500 - A529 A530 - A549 1942 1946 A550 - A551 A552 - A557 1947 A600 - A602 1947 1948 A558 - A559 1948 A603 1949 A604 - A611 A612 - A618 1950 A650 - A655 1950 A560 - A565 1951 1951 A619 - A620 1952 A621 - A622

they were used on a passenger train behind a 2300 class Mountain, although they were assigned to freight service.

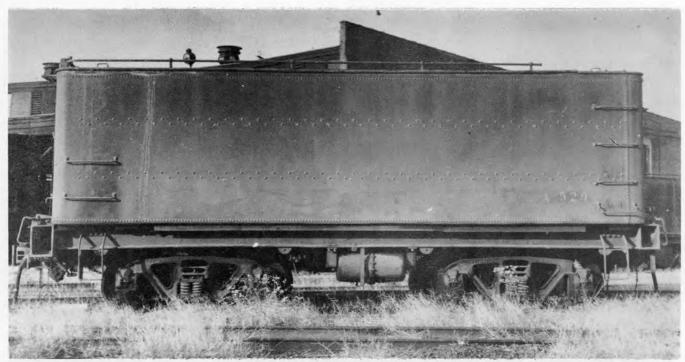
The photo on page 13 shows one of the auxiliary tenders in use as a diesel oil storage tank. They were used for oil storage after the steam power had been scrapped. Some of these oil storage tenders can still be seen on the railroad.

#### MODELERS NEWS

The HO models of IC 500 series auxiliary tenders are now available from Oriental Limited. Drawings of these and other IC auxiliary tenders appear in this issue. Oriental did a beautiful job on these tenders. The model is accurate and nicely detailed and it looks great behind a 2500. See your dealer.

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A-529 at Paducah Ky, 10-60 Bruce Meyer photo

X709 at Champaign IL, 3-59 Bruce Meyer photo





A-549 at Paducah Ky, 10-60 Bruce Meyer photo

Mikado with a 600 series auxiliary tender Basil Koob photo - Fred Ash collection

IC NEWS FROM THE PAST

#### Receive Mountain Locomotives

(January, 1924)—The American Locomotive Company, from its Schenectady, N. Y. plant, has recently completed delivery to us of 15 Mountain type passenger locomotives, the first of this type to be placed in service on the Illinois Central Railroad.

# Open Markham Yard

(April, 1926)—April 1 marked the opening to full operation of Markham Yard, the Illinois Central System's great and absolutely modern freight classification yard just south of Chicago. Markham Yard has been under construction for several years and has involved the outlay of millions of dollars. The yard has a present capacity of 9,730 cars but is to be expanded ultimately to a capacity of 13,870 cars.

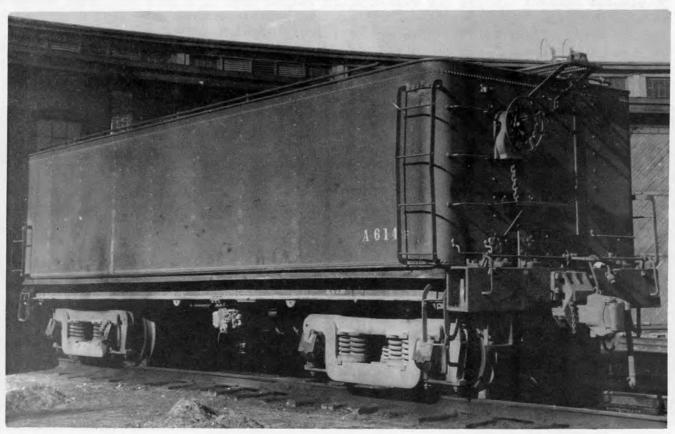
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A-603 at Centralia IL, 12-57 Bruce Meyer photo

A-614 at Centralia IL, 12-57 Bruce Meyer photo



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# MORE ON I.C. HOPPERS

Member Jim Adams from Centralia sent in the following information and corrections on the IC hopper car article in issue #8.

Regarding the composite cars; "The 73000-73599 series 50T hoppers were the first cars Centralia built new from the rail up. Centralia at that time had almost no fabricating machinery. What we had was suitable for repair programs and much of it was homemade and powered with steam locomotive air brake cylinders. So much of the steel for the 73's was fabricated by General American. All assembly was at Centralia." These cars were painted black with white lettering when new in 1944.

The 75000 series which I had listed as a rebuilt gondola was not a rebuild but was an IC designed new car. As Jim says "Bill White and I designed the car in a hectic hurry-up session that lasted almost all night. Bill went back to Chicago and detailed drawings were made from which materials were ordered and the cars built." "Early in the 75000 program it was found that the car was so rigid that when it was necessary to adjust the side bearings, a jack set at the end of the body bolster on one end of the car would also raise the other end so that both side bearings on that side could be adjusted. We knew that this was unusual but failed to attach much importance to it until we heard that an eastern road had dumped 50 tons of coal into their yard office by kicking one of the cars thru a short turnout. After that we eliminated a whole bunch of welding and several rivets from the design so as to make the car more flexible. For what they cost, that bunch of cars probably made the railroad more money than any other. They soon became unattractive to shippers however, due to their length, and were scrapped as they came up for repairs."

Some additional information on the ribbed side cars; "The 73600-73999 series were built in '47 and '48 by GATC from US Steel Corp. design for 50 Ton All-Welded Cor-Ten hoppers. Apparently due to the embrittlement of the Cor-Ten from the welding, 30 minutes under a Robbins car shaker would reduce then to a pile of scrap. After several different cures were tried without success, they were resteeled with copper bearing steel sheets in '57. Also during the '57 resteeling the trouble prone ABLC or "Load Compensating" brake was changed to regular AB brakes. The original light weight with the thin Cor-Ten sheets made so great a difference between light and load weight that the braking ratio could not be kept within limits with regular AB brakes. Going back to the heavier copper bearing sheets eliminated this problem."

"The IC did have triple hoppers before 1959. The first were the 212700-212999 which were I believe built in '29 but I don't know where. They were rebuilt at Centralia in '41 and renumbered 80000-80298. Also built in '29 at General American's East Chicago plant were the 713000-713324. Apparently about the same time and certainly in '29 Standard Steel Car's Hammond plant built numbers713325-713749. These were all inside stake 70 ton triple hoppers. In '41 and '42 Centralia rebuilt them and renumbered them 31000-81749. They were on Dalman trucks and were originally equipped with K-2 brakes." \*

Jim also furnishes the following builder details that you might want to write in on your copy of the chart on page 12 of issue #8; "The 66000's were built by Standard Steel in '27. The 67's were built at Pullman in '29. The 68's by Ryan at Hegwisch in '37. The 69's by GATC at East Chicago in '37."

The 80,000 series cars Jim refers to were converted to Woodchip service between 1955 - 1960. I will run a diagram of these cars in a future issue of the magazine. Cars of the original 81000 series were rebuilt into covered hoppers and assigned to furfural residue loading for Quaker Oats Co. These were rebuilt in 1950-51. I will run the diagram of these along with the other covered hoppers in a future issue.

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More on I.C. Hoppers - continued

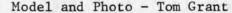
Now here is the inside information on the red vs. black hopper cars, again from Jim Adams; "Prior to the time that Hugh Young was Superintendent of the Car Department with offices in Chicago in the 50's, all covered cars were painted red and open cars such as hoppers, were painted black. Hugh was a little bowlegged dutchman from out back of Irvington who started with the IC as a kid and became one of the top three car builders in the nation. Being a frugal dutchman, it pained Hugh to see our painters having to change colors and clean their equipment when painting repaired cars which were a mix of covered and open. So when he became System Superindendent he issued orders for all cars to be painted red.

Hiram Seely was Centralia's Master Mechanic at the time and although the creation of a separate car department with it's own superintendent divorced us from the roundhouse, courtesy dictated that when the car department brass paid us a visit, the Master Mechanic was invited to join the parade.

On Superintendent Young's visit to Centralia following the change in painting proceedure, Mr. Seely demanded to know why the change was made. Mr. Young gave him the rundown of reasons, smaller paint inventory, no cleaning equipment between cars, labor savings, etc... to which Mr. Seely replied; "That's what I thought you'd say. Now let me tell you the real reason. You Car Department SOB's know that the only way a Master Mechanic can tell a box car from a coal car is that the box car is red. Now you want to fix it so we can't tell them apart." I'm not sure how long the one color plan lasted but it was for only a few years."

So, it seems that if you model in the fifties you can use the oxide red hopper cars. Black cars would be dated either before the early 50's (without the Mainline of Mid America slogan) or after the oxide red era (with the Mainline slogan). A personal observation here though; In the color movies I have seen from John Swajkarts' collection taken during the mid fifties on the Illinois Division, most if not all of the coal hoppers are in the oxide red paint scheme with the Mainline slogan. I believe there was alot of repainting work done for the centenial celebration of the railroad in 1951.

Now here's one more ommission from the hopper car story. Member L.P. Davis sent in an old photo of one of the IC's experimental aluminum hopper cars. The photo shows car #66700 at Centralia yard in the early '60's. The HO model was made from a standard Athearn offset side car.

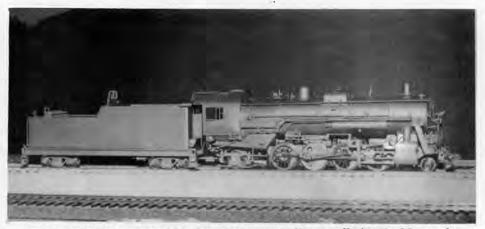




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# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY REPORT

Based on the surveys returned to date we have compiled the following statistics on ICHS mem bers.

Age
under 25 - 8%
25 - 35 - 32%
36 - 45 - 30%
46 - 55 - 13%
56 - 65 - 10%
over 65 - 7%

Most of us consider ourselves railfans - 89%. Most of us are model railroaders - 78%, primarily in HO scale - 62%, O scale - 9%, N scale - 4%, and one each in  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and 1" scale.



24% of us are or were at one time railroad employees. We are interested in just about anything related to the IC. The most popular areas of interest are engines, steam engines and diesel. Next in popularity are the trains passenger and freight. Following that is everything else, stations, the mainline, branchlines, timetables, the divisions, and your favorite state of the midwest or south.

The are many of us with a special interest in a branchline or a particular train etc... Why not write a short st-ry or article for the Green Diamond? It doesn't even have to be typed, although that makes things easier. We can use just about anything about the IC. Your origional materials or photos will be returned if requested.



PADUCAH BOOK

Paducah Gateway is the title of a book by member Donald Lessley. The book covers the NC&StL. CB&Q, GM&N as well as the IC in the Paducah area. At least half of the book is about the IC and especially the Paducah shops with many photos and information on the IC that I have never seen elsewhere. A good book to read before this years annual meeting in Paducah. The book is a good sized paperback and worth the \$10.00 price. Available from Troll Publishing Co. Inc. P.O. Box 996, Paducah Ky. 42001. Ad \$1.45 for postage and handling.

WANTED DINING CAR CHINA A.L. Sube, 12424 S. 69 Ct. Palos Heights, IL. 60463



Panama Limited service plate, 10½" dia. Cotton plants around border - yellow & green 1920's. I will pay up to \$400.00



Magnolia Star service plate,11" dia. Large coral Magnolia in center with grey leaves, fluted edge. Used on Magnolia Star in early 1950's.

← I will pay up to \$150.00

IC pirates plate, 9 3/4" dia. Off white - pirates, ships, palm trees around border in vivid blue, red, green. Used on Panama Ltd. I will pay up to \$50.00



Magnolia Star dinner plate  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. White Magnolia in center,wide grey border with gold edge trim. I will pay up to \$50.00



French Quarter service plate, 10½" dia. Multi-colored border w/ fruit bowls and flowers. Center depicts a French Quarter street scene in 1927. Used on Panama Limited in late 1930's.
I will pay up to \$250.00



Brian Higgins, 2317 Aspen Dr., Champaign, IL. 61820 WANTED: SOHO brass IC Passenger cars: "Chicago-land", "State", "Land-of-Strawberries". Have extra "General", will trade.

FOR SALE - PHOTOS
Member Gerald Carson has
an extensive collection
of STEAM and DIESEL Era
IC equipment. send for
list. Gerald Carson,
10065 Mountain Rd.
Chipita Park, CO. 80809

Tom Clark, c/o ICHS or phone (312) 420-0227. WANTED: Info on the track plan and facilities at Carbondale, IL.

# HOBBYSHOP HELP

If your local hobbyshop proprietor would like to help us by selling the Green Diamond have him drop us a postcard and we will send him a complimentary copy of the magazine and ordering information.

Correction - The photo of Land O' Corn on page 8 of issue #8 was actually shot at Waterloo, Iowa - not Springfield, Illinois.

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Back Cover - #2546 Eastbound East of Kentucky Dam, Ky, 7-57. Bruce Meyer photo. note the new style walkway on the auxiliary tender.

