



# Atlantic Division EXPRESS

Where the TCA began



SPRING 2007

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last year as President of the Atlantic Division and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who have helped to make the past year an outstanding success. In addition I would like to wish the entire membership a healthy and prosperous New Year. May this be the year in which you find the train of your dreams!

At our first board meeting in early January, a number of issues were discussed. The most important was membership. The board felt very strongly that we need to have a membership drive to recruit new members, especially younger ones. This is also of concern at the National level.

Bob Huppman has agreed to be Chairman of a Membership Committee. This committee will send invitations to new members of the TCA; inviting them to one of our meets free of charge and asking them to join our Division. However, this is not a one man job. Everyone in this Division needs to spread the word. To help in promoting the Division, I have included a short history of the TCA and of the Atlantic Division will be in the next issue.

I am happy to report that one of our new board members, Ed Marra, Jr. has agreed to help finish our new Traveling Layout. This was great news since Stan Petty tells me that he has a long list of requests for its display. However, even after the layout is completed we will still need volunteers to help with its running.

Our Kid's Club seems to be doing very well. Jack Nixon has agreed to be its new co-chair along with Richard Zipin. Richard has been aggressively pursuing the rules and regulations that would allow us to offer a Boy Scouts of America Railroading Merit Badge. Several other Divisions do this and it is a great way to introduce young people to an interest in railroads and then to model trains.

At the last meet, some of the younger crowd were very pleased to see that Thomas the Tank Engine finally completed his journey from The Island of Sodor to the Plumber's Union Hall courtesy of Terry Trickel. The only problem encountered was that some of the kids would have preferred to play with Thomas rather than accompanying their parents into the main meet hall. Perhaps we will need to arrange for some adult dispatchers to look after this area as is done at York. Again volunteers!

This year, Ed Kapucinski dazzled us with a display consisting of an impressive array of signals. The centerpiece of this exhibit was an exquisite example of the No. 99 N Train Control Block Signal introduced in 1937. This piece was totally complete including all original boxes, lockons and wrappings.



*Thomas the Tank Layout*



*Part of the Display*



*Centerpiece of the Display*

Finally, Malcolm Kates has done an outstanding job in formalizing the election process for our Division. This should allow a standard approach from year to year and avoid each new committee having to reinvent the wheel.

Chester M. Zmijewski

### A LITTLE MORE INFO?? By Charlie Weber

On the last page of the Summer, 2006 Express I did a little blurb regarding finding some window inserts for Lionel passenger cars being made available before Lionel put silhouettes into their passenger cars by a company called Realistic Train Model Accessories. I stated "I can find no information about this company..." On the very day when my issue of the Express arrived I was perusing old issues of Railroad Model Craftsman magazine looking for information for some other article that I hope to do some time in the future. In the October, 1950 issue on page 46, I find a little story under the general topic of "new Products" about inserts like the Realistic ones being offered by Rosewood Hobbies. On page 39 is a half page ad by Rosewood advertising that they were offering such inserts. Both the ad and the "story" are reproduced here for your attention.

A few days later a light bulb lit in my head. You old timers will remember that two of the regular table holders at our Westover train meets were Art and Ed Rosenthal. Art sold primarily repro parts and Ed sold "stuff" like most of us. It had dawned on me that perhaps Ed owned Rosewood Hobby Shop. Art has already de-

parted this earth but Ed is in the TCA directory, now in Florida, so I called him. Yes, Ed did own Rosewood Hobby Shop. Art came up with the idea for the inserts with silhouettes, they had them printed and then started to sell them. The name Realistic Train Model Accessories was made up by Art and as far as Ed knows was not applied to any other products. Well, as you know Lionel used the idea on their own cars starting about the same time. Whether or not someone at Lionel came up with the idea independently or stole it from the Rosenthals will probably never be known. In any event Ed tells me that they did not sell well and

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6025 LTS Lionel Steam-Turbine Loco with Smoke and Whistle	37.50	38.50
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LINDEN, N. J.

when he closed the Shop (1979??) he still had a pile left which were sold to one of the collectors in North Jersey. For something this low priced it was certainly not worth copy write infringement litigation.

### UNUSUAL FIND AT JAN MEET

Once again Ken Laaken brought an unusual item to our meet.



Front view of the Transformer

Apparently Ken is a Transformer aficionado and he lived up to his reputation by bringing the unusual Type J shown above. From this point of view it seems like nothing out of the ordinary. However, a closer look at the label reveals that this is indeed an unusual piece. When electricity was first introduced as a common commodity there were no standards accepted by all regions. One of these consisted of the cycles of alternating current.

**market news WHERE TO BUY new products**

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**Philadelphia Railroad Show**  
Don't miss the model railroad show to be held in Philadelphia's Town Hall all during the week of October 31 through November 4. This show, exclusively model railroading, is being sponsored by the Model Railroad Manufacturers Assn. One of the features will be a new HO layout built by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad also an O gauge portable layout built by the Philadelphia Model Railroad Club. Neither of these layouts have been displayed to the general public before.

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Bloomfield's Complete Hobby Shop  
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The label shown here in greater detail indicates that this transformer could be used with a range of alternating current voltages and cycles.



*Transformer Plate*

The fact that it could be used with input voltages up to 250 Volts would make it possible to be used in Europe. However special plugs would be needed for this purpose.



*The top of the Transformer*

This picture shows the top of the transformer. On the left –hand side of the transformer, you can see a box-like piece attached with special screws. Using a special tool, a technician could remove this cover revealing screws that could be used to set the input voltage and AC Cycles. This is truly a universal transformer.

### AN UNUSUAL & RARE PIECE

In the last issue we did a story on some interesting objects from the collection of Herb Brandt. This object is the very rare Lionel No. 26. We know of only one other in existence. This is an automatic timer that could be used to automate store displays of various accessories.

The wiring diagram illustrates ways to connect the Lionel Bascule Bridge. This accessory was not available until 1940. Therefore, the No. 26 can be dated to that period. The wiring diagram also shows a pair of crossing gates. The written directions for its use are reproduced in the next column.

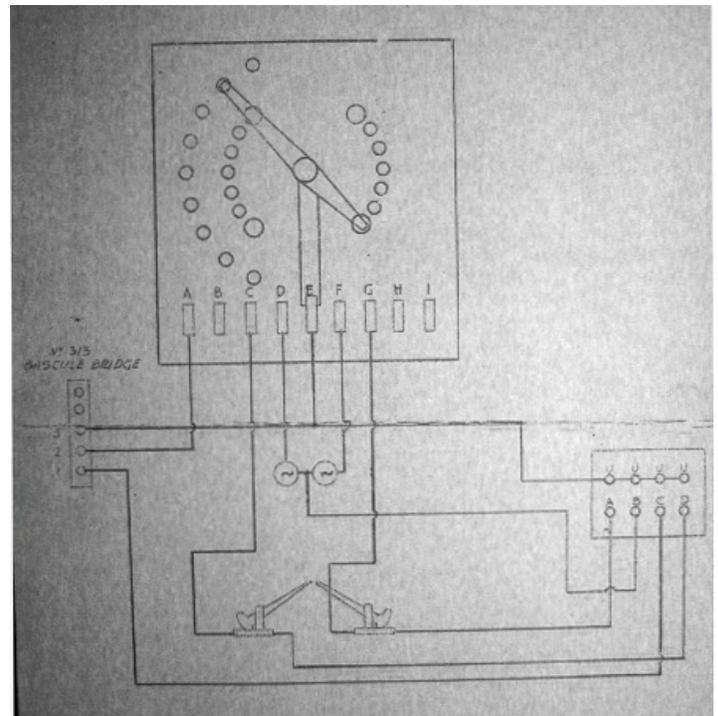
### Instructions for No. 26 Timer

This device is used in a display to control the operation of a number of accessories. There are nine connection clips on the panel and two contact arms operating in conjunction with a number of contact points. One of the contact arms rotates at 1 RPM.

The attached wiring diagram illustrates the manner in which the various accessories must be connected. In addition to the accessories shown in this diagram three additional #313 Bascule Bridges may be connected to the Timer to be operated in sequence at one minute intervals. The connections for these additional Bridges are the same as shown except the No. 2 connections from the Bridges go to terminals “B” ,”H” and “I” respectively.

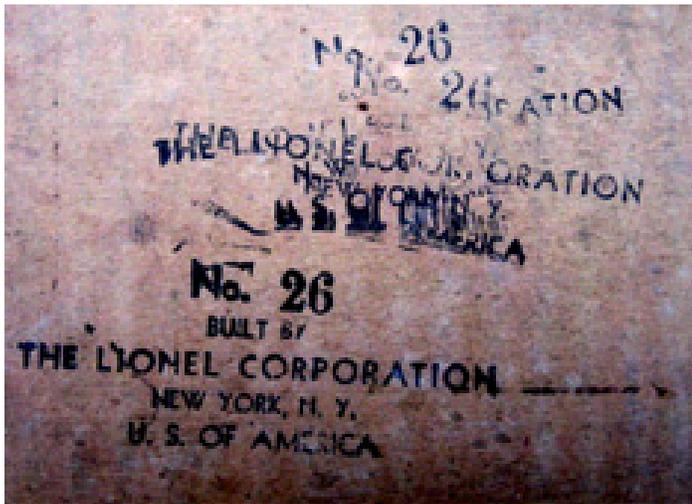
As illustrated, terminal “E” on the Timer is the common connection to the contact arms. Terminals “D” and “E” are for the flashing signals which alternate. Terminals “C” and “G” are slow “make” and “break” contacts with a one-minute interval between sequence of “C” and sequence of “G”.

### THE LIONEL CORPORATION

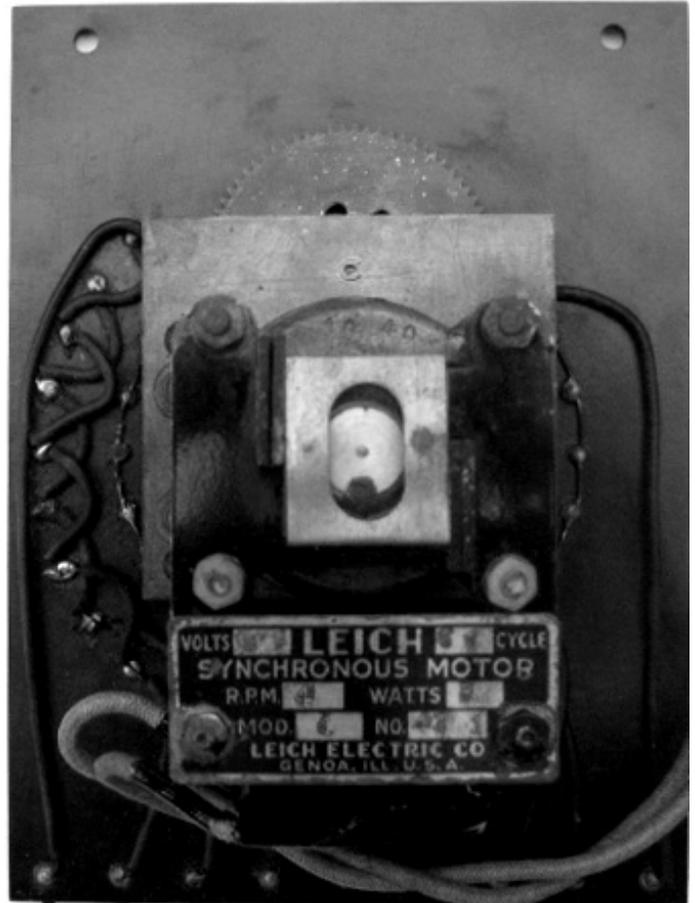


*Wiring Diagram*

The condition of this piece and the accompanying paperwork is remarkable. An interesting fact is that although the box clearly states, " Built by The Lionel Corporation" not all of the components are Lionel. The slow motion motor that drives the unit was made by the Leich Electric Co.

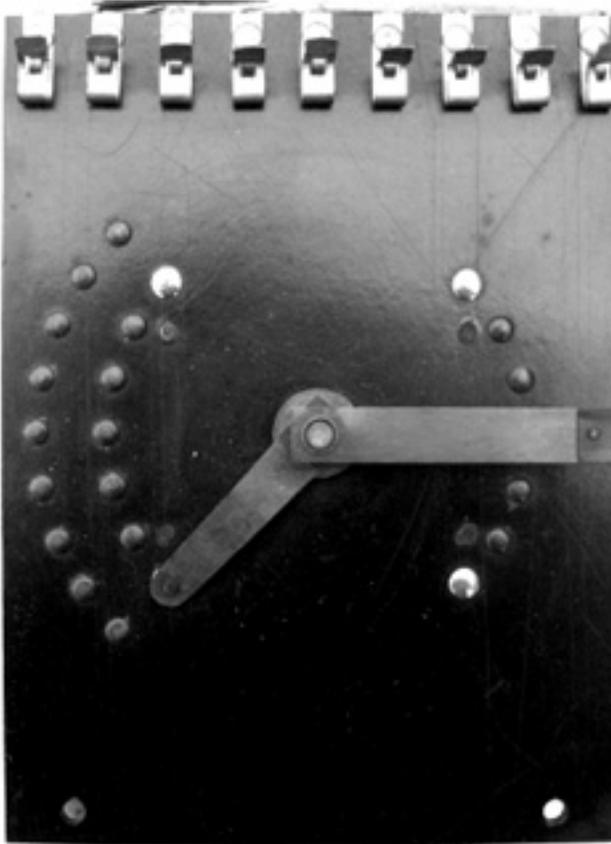


*The Box End*



*Bottom View*

**A CRAFTSMAN IN OUR MIDST: DICK STEVENSON**  
By Charlie Weber



*Top View*



*Motor Label*

Some of you know Dick Stevenson of Lafayette Hills, many of you don't, but you would recognize his face. Until recent years he was a regular table holder at the Atlantic Division meets and was one of the directors of the Division for several terms. (He still helps out with mailings and such sometimes.) Dick's toy train collecting activities are a little different from many of us. He really gets a kick out of fixing stuff up. Dick's collection has been fairly small (by my standards) probably because of the small house that he lives in. But, except for a "core" of items, the collection slowly changed over the years. Dick would pick up partial sets and pieces in need of repair and then keep looking until a set was accumulated and he would fix anything that needed it, doing nice restorations if necessary. The item(s) would eventually be peddled as he picked up more to work on.

As an adjunct to these activities he has turned out several trolleys over the years. For instance, a Lionel 418 coach can be made into a dandy interurban. I was really impressed when Dick turned a large 'O' American Flyer coach into an interurban. Here in photo #1 we see one of Dick's more recent products. This lovely yellow and black "Third Avenue" trolley is copied after a Marklin from a picture that Dick encountered. Dick had a power truck lying about (looks like Pitman to me!??) and used a prewar Lionel truck for the un-powered end. The rest is entirely built from scratch using brass. It is possible that the step material is repro material. Dick went to a stationery store and bought an alphabet set of decals and then did the lettering using individually affixed



Photo 1

individual letters. It is not meant to be a "repro" of the actual Marklin product as he had no original to copy. Neat, huh?



Photo 2



Photo 3

In photos number 2 and 3 are examples of Dick's abilities that are among the first such examples that I found in his collection. They are very impressive to see in person and could be classified as "reproductions". Dick scrounged and pecked at train meets and auctions for years and eventually dug up Lionel mechanisms (or enough parts to put the mechanisms together) for a Lionel "1910" and a "1911". Very scarce items. Repro bells, ventilators, lights and couplers were bought. Dick then copied originals and scratch built the cabs from brass. Lettering was done with regular Bennett rub on lettering. Personally I am a real "original nut" from the old Louis Hertz school of train collecting and, there-

fore, generally have little time for reproductions and restorations. However, this 1910 and 1911 are so nice that, if they were for sale, I would be interested. They have been passed on to Dick's children and Dick had to borrow them for me to take these pictures.

### SOME WEIRD LIONEL SETS

By Charlie Weber

At the Maurer auctions in the spring of 2006 appeared a pair of apparently "uncatalogued" Lionel train sets in back-to-back auction lots that apparently came from the same consignor and originally came from the same store. The photographs show the boxes and equipment as combined and sold.

The first 3 pictures show the item and set boxes with a non-Lionel label over the original on the set box end. The store made



Photo 1

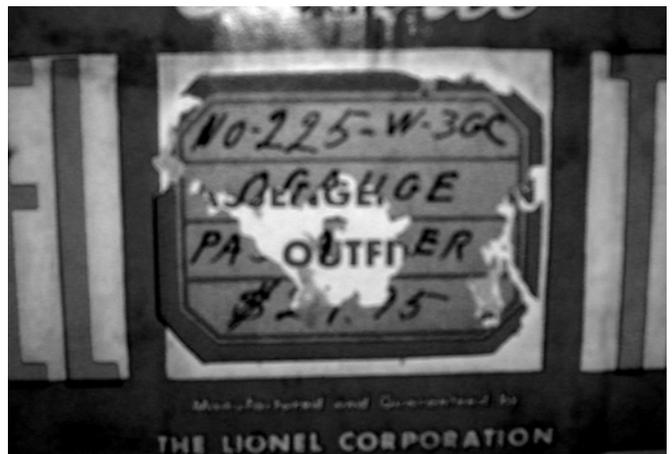


Photo 2

label(?) says "No. 225-W-3GC, O GAUGE, PASSENGER, \$27.95". The component boxes are for a 229, 2666T, 2 x 2640 and 2641. The label stamped on the side of the box indicates that



*Photo 3*



*Photo 6*

the box was designed for set #1190-W. Photos #4 and 5 show the



*Photo 4*



*Photo 7*

loco and tender while photo #6 shows the three two tone green passenger cars. Photo #7 shows the observation separately as it is important in the discussion below.

their own numbers to sets and accessories. Some of these were regular catalogued production and some were "specials" for the toy trade. In addition, a number of sets were made especially and exclusively for some stores. The famous Macy sets are examples of these. In one of the other articles I have (or will have) presented an advertisement from a Pittsburgh store who whipped up their own "Special Sets" and assigned their own number to these sets. I think these two sets are examples of this last category. Which store did this is unknown. Also, other than the instruction manuals, we do not know what other "stuff" came with these two sets.



*Photo 5*

Pictures number 8, 9, and 10 show the boxes for the second set also with a non-Lionel label stuck on the box end. This special label says "No - 257,0-GAUGE, FREIGHT, \$16.95". The component boxes are for a 225,2235W, 2654, 2655, 2677, and 2757. The label on the side of the box indicates that the box was expected to contain set #6506E. Also in the picture of the box side is the 1941 instruction book that was found with both sets. Finally, in photos #11 & 12 are the loco and tender while the final picture shows the set components.

Now let's take a look at what I think we have here. It is well known that some stores, notably Sears and Roebuck, assigned

Let's look at the passenger set first. Set 1190-W was catalogued in 1941 exactly as found here except for the locomotive. The 1190-W was catalogued with a 1666. This 229 has blackened handrails, is rubber stamped on the cab with 229 and the cab has no slots cast in to accept a number plate. The tender has that weird little pointed and blackened drawbar that is typical of 1942 production. Finally the observation platform is painted gray, not nickled or aluminum painted as done previously to 1942. Thus I think we can conclude that this is a special set put together in 1942 or later in the war years by some dealer. I suspect the dealer simply wanted to change the set from "027" to "0". How the new set number was determined is beyond me.

The freight set is a little more befuddling. Set number 6506E is an uncatalogued number, probably from about 1937 or so. However, as far as I know this set has not been reported yet (another thing to look for)! Set number 257 is a Lionel number for a



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo10

1942, 229 set with 2654, 2655, and 2657. This set was probably put together in 1941. The couplers are of the style normally attributed to 1940 but it is possible that Lionel did make some cars early in 1941 using the 1940 couplers. The orange 2654 SHELL tank car is from 1940 but is not 1941 production as Lionel

switched back to SUNOCO apparently some time in the middle of 1940 production. The 2655 boxcar is cream and maroon with black rubber stamped lettering and all nickel trim except for the black journal boxes. This is correct for 1940-1941 production but 1942 production boxcars should have at least some, if not all, of the trim blackened. The maroon 2677 gondola is "normal" for 1940-1942 and the 2757 caboose is "normal" for 1941-1942. The loco and tender also were probably not made in 1942. So, it looks like we have a 1941 "special" put together by some dealer except for that darn set number. Why "257" in 1941 when this number is from 1942?



Photo 11



Photo 12



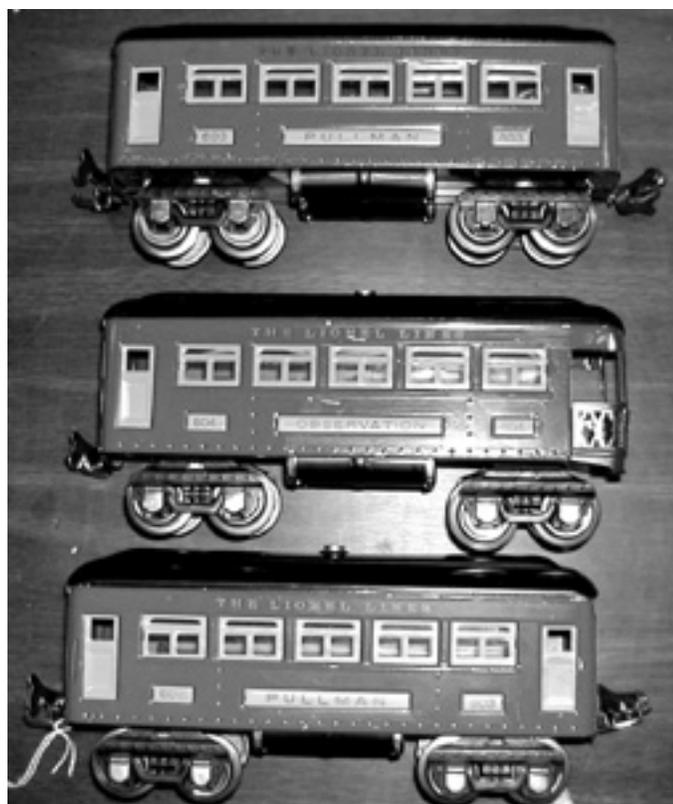
Photo 13

A possible explanation follows. Imagine a dealer in 1942 knowing what set 257 was supposed to contain but he couldn't get any. According to my dad, Lionel train sets were not plentiful in 1942 and he had to do some shopping to get my first sets. So, the dealer pulls out any set boxes he has around of appropriate size, plops in a loco and tender and whatever tank, box and caboose he happens to have around and throws in the cheapie gondola for good luck. This would be especially plausible if we make another assumption/guess. I'll just betcha that sometime over the 60 some years the loco tender combinations got swapped. That is, I think the 229 and 2666T belong with the freight cars and the 225 and 2235 W belong with the passenger cars.

**Set 5018E**  
By Charlie Weber

In 2005 one of the sets that came up at the Maurer Auctions was another of the so called "specials" (or Uncatalogued) Lionel combinations. Although the loco was missing along with track and etc. I still felt it was interesting enough to bring it to your attention.

Set 5018 is reported in the pre-war Lionel Sets book1. Here is what the author tells us about Set 5018. "The locomotive and tender (262E & 262T) are black with brass trim. The cars are red



*The three Cars*

with black roofs with cream trim. Similar to outfit No. 136, this set had an added car, and the locomotive came with an automatic reverse. Similar sets have been observed having orange cars with terra cotta roofs and nickel trim. It is not known if these are the same outfit number, but the cars are definitely 1935 or later, as they come in the later, Postwar-style boxes."

In a photo you will see the 5018E set box and the car boxes from

the auction. The locomotive was missing but I believe it is the same as described above for 5018. In another picture are the 603, 603, 604 cars as found at the auction and they also match the red and black cars as described. The trucks are of the ex-Ives variety (type VII2 in the Standard of the World book or 7a3 in the



*Set Boxes*



*Set Master Carton*

Greenberg book) with copper journal boxes and brass observation railing. Also present in one of the pictures is a box for 10 track clips implying that the set came with a circle of 'O' track and two straight. I don't know if the also pictured light bulb box has anything to do with the set as sold or not.

1. Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains, 1901-1942, Volume IV, Prewar Sets, McEntarfer, Greenberg Books (KalmbachPub. Co), 1995.
2. Lionel Trains, Standard of the World, 2nd Ed., Train Collectors Assn., D. Fraley, Ed, 1989
3. Greenberg's Guide to Lionel Trains, 1901-1942, Volume H O and OO Gauges, Kalmbach Pub. Co., 2001

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