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Railroad Films in Two-DVD Second Edition

From 1964 through 1992, Dennis Henry took 8mm and Super-8mm color movies of and from trains in the Midwest, West, and Canada. In September of 1994 we began producing two VHS tapes, "Indiana and Early Amtrak Railroad Memories: 1964-72" and "Minnesota Railroad Memories: 1964-71". In 2005 these films were digitally remastered, edited, and reorganized as a 107-minute DVD "Indiana, Minnesota, and Early Amtrak Railroad Memories: 1964-72", #173-412. In the summer of 2008 a two-DVD Second Edition was released with improved color rendering and additional footage, running 123 minutes. The suggested list price is \$18.00. The chapter titles and durations for the two discs are:

Introduction (2:15)
Monon (4:22)
Peoria & Eastern - NYC (6:51)
Chicago - IC, CRIP, MILW, ATSF, C&NW (7:48)
Lafayette, IN - PC(NYC), N&W(Wabash & NKP), Monon (9:41)
Chicago & Eastern Illinois (0:43) and Chicago, South Shore and South Bend (0:36)
Early Amtrak - BN, MILW, PC, ATSF (12:41)
Preview of "U.S. Trains in the 1970's and "Great Canadian Passenger Trains" (12:15)

Burlington Route and BN (15:56, with musical closing)
Northern Pacific (11:32)
Great Northern and Early Burlington Northern (6:25)
Milwaukee Road (5:30)
Northfield, MN - MILW, CRIP, MN&S, CGW (7:00)
St. Paul - NP, GN, CB&Q, MILW, CRIP, C&NW, SOO (17:07)
Southern Pacific in Oregon (1:33)
Union Pacific (0:48)

A chapter synopsis appears below and is continued on reverse.

The original films are silent and color, but an accurate and personal narration by the photographer has been added to the scenes. The films were shot and edited mostly with Bolex equipment, but they are amateur films, with most scenes photographically good to excellent.

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Synopsis: "Indiana, Minnesota, and Early Amtrak Railroad Memories 1964-72: 2nd Ed."

Monon: "Thoroughbred" in Crawfordsville and to Chicago 1964-66.

Peoria & Eastern: P&E (NYC) freight trains in Crawfordsville, IN.

Chicago: Illinois Central passenger trains at Central Station, scenes taken from the YMCA Hotel roof. Dearborn Station and the Santa Fe, C&WI, C&EI. Rear view from "Danville Flyer" on the C&WI. "James Whitcomb Riley" rear view on the IC.

Lafayette, IN: Penn Central (NYC) "James Whitcomb Riley" and "Indianapolis Special" in Lafayette and West Lafayette, Norfolk & Western "Wabash Cannonball" at Lafayette and onboard to Danville, IL. Monon & N&W (NKP) through freights. Period covered 1968-70.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois: "Danville Flyer" at Danville and Hoopston.

Chicago, South Shore and South Bend: Michigan City Shops in July, 1972.

Early Amtrak: Trip on Milwaukee Road-BN "Empire Builder" from Chicago to Minneapolis in summer of 1971, and from Red Wing south in 1972. Western Avenue interlocking and Union Station in Chicago. "San Francisco Zephyr" and "Illinois Zephyr" at Mendota, IL in 1971-72. BN, ATSF, and PC at Chicago Union Station.

Previews: Amtrak "Blackhawk" on ICG Freeport-E. Dubuque, including cab ride on RDC's; "Rio Grande Zephyr" 1971 eastbound from clean dome and 1973 Westbound; CP "Canadian" westbound Calagary-Lake Louise; 1974 Switching of "Canadian" Montreal & Toronto sections eastbound at Sudbury; Ottawa passenger station CN trains in 1974; Cab ride on Milwaukee Road #262 freight Savanna-Beloit in 1975; "San Francisco Zephyr" westbound at Cheyenne and UP freights in 1973. 4449 and American Freedom Train on BN at Rochelle in 1976; Fever River Model Railroad in Freeport, IL, 1976.

Burlington Route and BN: Vista-dome and trackside views on the route from Chicago to St. Paul, including Aurora, Oregon, Savanna, LaCrosse and the Mississippi River. Features the "Twin Zephyrs", "North Coast Limited", "Empire Builder", "Denver Zephyr", "California Zephyr and other trains. Concluding musical epilogue along the Mississippi River in the week before the Amtrak takeover on May 1, 1971.

Northern Pacific: With the hostler at Northtown Roundhouse. Cab ride on the "Mainstreeter" from St. Paul, and "North Coast Limited" in Glendive, Montana, August, 1966. Winter trip on "North Coast Limited" in 1967.

Great Northern and BN: "Dakotan" and hi-rail car at Alexandria, MN in 1969, "Empire Builder" trip in Washington and Montana in June, 1970.

Northfield, MN: Milwaukee Road F-units at MN&S yard, Rock Island "Twin Star Rocket" and "Zephyr Rocket" in Northfield and Dundas. Cab rides on the MN&S from Northfield to Randolph over the Chicago Great Western. Brief shot of CGW RS-2. Milwaukee Road, MN&S, and Rock Island freight activity.

Milwaukee Road: Aboard the "Morning Hiawatha" from Chicago to St. Paul in December, 1968. Freight at Dundas, MN. Passenger trains in Northern Illinois.

St. Paul: Special feature on St. Paul Union Depot trains and area, with morning trains in summer of 1964 and July, 1966, during an airline strike. Mainline activity on summer evenings at Dayton's Bluff and Newport, Minnesota in 1968. MILW, RI, BN, and C&NW freight trains at Dayton's Bluff & Pigs Eye in 1972.

SP in Oregon: "Cascade" southbound at Albany.

Union Pacific: Brief views from 10-6 sleeper window on "City of Los Angeles" in Utah in 1970.

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