

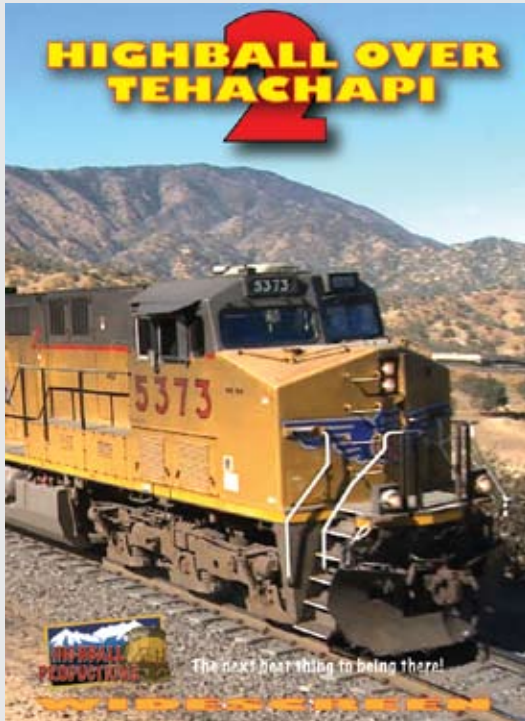
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HIGHBALL OVER TEHACHAPI 2

The seventh railroad wonder of the world is Tehachapi Loop. Join us as we follow this railfan favorite stretch of line from Sand Cut to Mojave in perfect late fall weather. BNSF has trackage rights over the UP, and we'll see trains from both roads, from dawn to sunset, with mostly new power dragging the trains over and through the rugged Tehachapi mountains. **90 Min TEH2W \$29.95 WIDESCREEN DVD. HIGH DEFINITION BLU-RAY DVD BRTEH \$34.95**



PLANDAMPF POLSKA

The last regularly scheduled standard gauge steam hauled trains in Europe are in Poland. We attended a special steam event, with 3 engines in steam, taking turns on the regular trains, some specials and a freight. **70 Min POLW \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD. HIGH DEFINITION BLU-RAY DVD BRPOL \$29.95**



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BLU-RAY & THE NEWSLETTER.

I really can't believe that it's 2010 already, it doesn't seem too very long ago that we were all worrying about Y2K! Anyway, it seems that I didn't explain myself properly about the newsletter and BLU-RAY in the last newsletter. I have no intention of discontinuing the paper newsletter. I would however, like to save some money by sending whoever would like one an e-mail newsletter. Those of you who want a mailed paper newsletter will continue to receive one. Most future releases will be available in BOTH regular DVD and BLU-RAY DVD. No need to panic or write me, I have no intention of discontinuing the regular DVD's. Well, at least not until 95% of you are only buying BR. Next thing will be 3D DVD's, I suppose, but I'm not going there.

PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO CLIPS

I'm working on getting clips of most programs on to You Tube, though it's a fairly time consuming process. At the time of writing, early-ish January, there are about 54 up, so when you actually get the newsletter there may be more. They can be found at www.youtube.com/traintapes. Thanks for watching! I've been uploading my photographs to www.highballtravels.blogspot.com. Some trains and some not.

RUDE BNSF EMPLOYEES

Probably to nobody's surprise, I so far haven't had a response to my letter to the head of BNSF's Citizens for Rail Security and the head of Media Relations for Arizona complaining about rude employees. It's been suggested that I carry a can of spray paint, so they will think I'm a tagger and leave me alone. Judging by the number of graffitied cars seen on my recent visit to Tehachapi nobody cares. Personally I think armed guards with orders to shoot would be good, but that's probably a politically incorrect thought and I'm supposed to think that it's "art".

TEHACHAPI

Since it's been ten years since I was last on Tehachapi I decided that another look might be in order. Everywhere is posted, the loop, Wa-long, Woodford, Bealville, Caliente etc. And I understand that the line is patrolled. So I had to resort to shoot and run, and since there were a lot of MoW people around I didn't think that hiking up to tunnel 5 was a hot idea. I must say though that nobody bothered me, and I had some perfect fall weather. Traffic was, it seemed to me, way down, and it looked for all the world like a BNSF railroad. There were up to half a dozen south bounds in the early morning, then it was sporadic, and north bounds didn't start until late afternoon, except on Saturday. Mojave seemed to be pretty much the way it was when I first visited in 1995, apart from an overpass and a couple of new motels. But how the town of Tehachapi has changed! Big new hotels, a Home Depot and lots of shopping mall places. I'm told it's now full of yuppies who work in Bakersfield. The motel on the Woodford-Tehachapi Road is

still there, though I've never had the courage to stay there and have no concept how it survives. If anyone has actually stayed there, drop me an e, I'd like to know how it was, though I doubt I'll go back to Tehachapi again. The loop was posted, so the favorite locations were off limits, but somebody had put a road in on the hillside above the loop, and all the fans were up there. I did go in to a couple of places on the loop when I knew a train was coming, got my shot and got out, but I really don't like to do that.

POLAND

In October I went off to Poland to take part in a plandampf put on by the Wolstzyn Experience. There are a fair number of stored steam engines in Wolsztzyn, sadly few, if any will ever run again as the Polish railways are struggling and have no money. There were 3 operating engines, and a pair under repair, although one of the operating engine's boiler ticket was about to expire. I met a friend from England in Frankfurt, and we drove out. The rental car was a 1 series BMW, which I thought was quite nice and fairly lively, which was useful when chasing the trains. It was interesting driving on the autobahn in Germany, running along at 90+ mph and being constantly passed by very fast moving cars. Cars have only recently come in quantity to Poland, the roads are perhaps not as good as elsewhere in Europe, and the Poles, on the whole, drive like, um, lunatics, with some of the worst accident rates in Europe. I told the rental company when I booked the car that it needed to go to Poland, but with nothing better to do just before we left to return to Frankfurt, I actually read the agreement. Seemed that I wasn't allowed to take the car out of Germany! Fortunately we managed to get back to the airport on one piece. But it was fun, we had a good time and the food and the beer was excellent. Wolsztyn is quite a pretty town, I was expecting picture postcard villages, but after years of Soviet rule most places were a bit gray and grim.

FACTS & FIGURES?

According to my calculations, I spent 128 days away from home in 2009, driving 24502 miles (in my car, doesn't count rental car mileage). I spent 65 hours actually ON an airplane, which doesn't count the time I spent sitting at, or getting to and from an airport. The amount of time I actually spent in a car doesn't bear thinking about, a great deal of time is spent exploring, and just sitting waiting for a train to show up.

RETURNS

I'm still getting stuff back without a note inside. If you've called me and I've asked you to send something back, I've asked for a letter inside so I know what's going on. Since I spoke to you, I've spoken to other people, and I've slept. If you didn't call me, and send something back without a note, I can't conceivably know what you want. An e-mail is no good, there needs to be a letter inside. No letter, no action. No letter, I put the package to one side and wait and see what happens.

Thank you all for your support, see you trackside!
Peter & Marjorie Crook, and Lori Johnson.



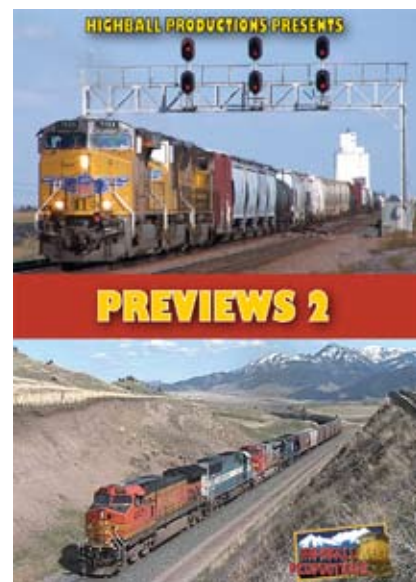
BADLANDS COAL BNSF's Dickinson Sub

The Dickinson Sub runs from Glendive, Montana through the Badlands of North Dakota to Dickinson. Traffic is mostly coal loads and empties to and from the Powder River Coal Basin. This is SD70MAC and SD70ACe territory, with some GE's thrown in for variety. **90 Min BADW \$29.95 WIDESCREEN DVD. HIGH DEFINITION BLU-RAY DVD BRBAD \$34.95**



PREVIEWS 2

Previews from the following widescreen programs. Florida East Coast FECW, Winter on the Arizona Divide WAZW, KCS over Rich Mountain KCRW, A Rocky Mountain Winter ARMW, Hot Spots 23 HOT23W, Hot Spots 25 HOT25W, NS over Christiansburg Mountain NOCMW, High Plains Hot Shots HPHW, Montana Rail Link 2007 MRL7W, Highball over Triple Track Cajon HTCW, NS Middle Division MDLEW, Along the New River ATNRW, Calcutta's Colorful Trains CCTW, Queensland Coal QLBW, Vienna's Colorful Trains VCTW, Mojave Magic 2 MM2W, CSX across Ohio CAOW, Mississippi River main Line MRMLW, East to Green River ETGRW, Hot Spots 24 HOT24W, Hot Spots 19 HOT19W, Hot Spots 16 HOT16W, Hot Spots 18 HOT18W, Hot Spots 17 HOT17W, Hot Spots 20 HOT20W, Hot Spots 21 HOT21W, Hot Spots 22 HOT22W, Rails around the Metroplex RTMW. **2 Hours 23 Min PRE2W \$19.95 WIDESCREEN DVD. SPECIAL \$10 WITH ANY ORDER!**



BLU-RAY

I've been working on converting everything left in the computer that was shot in HiDef, and I'm now all caught up. Most future programs will be available in both regular SD format and BLU-RAY. Please make sure that your BLU-RAY player will play BD-R before ordering. **BLU-RAY DVD's will NOT play on a regular DVD player.**

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HOT SPOTS 2 - BERE A, OH

Berea, Ohio is the point that CSX's Columbus line and NS's Chicago line meet, just to the south of Cleveland. Power is divided pretty evenly between CSX, NS and former Conrail units, plus some run-through power. With 50 movements in 12 hours, this can be a busy place. **60 minutes HOT2 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 3 - ROSENBERG, TX

Rosenberg is located some 35 miles south west of Houston, Texas. BNSF's line from Galveston and Houston to Fort Worth crosses UP's former SP Sunset Route. Rosenbergs Tower 17 is one of the last two operating towers in Texas still in its original building, and we were fortunate enough to get a look inside. Both UP & BNSF have a small yard at Rosenberg, and run locals, UP with 2 SP B30's, and BNSF with a B30 and a GP35. We taped at Rosenberg from dawn to after sunset in December, 1999, and caught some colorful railroading, including KCS's Tex-Mex trains. **85 minutes HOT3 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 4 - BELLEVUE, OH

Bellevue, Ohio is one of NS's busiest yards, with 3 major routes leading into the west end of the yard. Taped on a sunny, frigid day in February, 2000, with some lovely late afternoon light. Power is just about everything NS owns, some Conrail, and visits from the Wheeling and Lake Erie, CN and leased power. **85 mins HOT4 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 5 - SELKIRK, NY

Selkirk, New York is the biggest yard in the Northeast, and is now owned by CSX. We spent two frigid days at Selkirk, in February 2000 to bring you CSX in the snow at both ends of the yard, the west end for the Chicago Line and the east end for the Boston Line, the River Line and the branch to the Port of Albany. Selkirk has always been an exciting place to railfan, and is even more so when the snow flies. Check out the Northeast's favorite hot spot! **85 minutes HOT5 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 6 - GARY, IN

Pine Junction in Gary, Indiana is our #6 Hot Spot, and what a hot day of railfanning we had, with 75 trains in just over 12 hours, has to be our best day yet. CSX, NS and the EJ&E all come together, plus we saw ex Conrail, UP, SP, CNW, SOO, CP, BN, BNSF, SF and South Shore paint, plus Amtrak, and the "J" has orange, green and ex DM&R maroon. Meets, side by sides, overtakings, 4 trains at once, this really is an exciting location, deserves to be better known. For an outstanding day's railfanning, try Gary! **90 minutes HOT6 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 7 - DOLTON, IL

Dolton, Illinois, is where CSX & UP cross the Harbor Belt on Chicago's south side. Dolton has a lot of trains and an active tower. I was fortunate enough to be invited into the tower by towerman Ralph on two afternoons, which was really good, since I got some nice interior shots, and out of the rain. The train of the day is the bottle train, taking molten steel from one mill to another, in big insulated, I guess bottle cars. I saw power from UP, CSX, NS, CR, BNSF, CP, IHB, ST.L&H, WC, SOO, and a bunch of leasers. Since Ralph was nice enough to give me lineups, I was able to identify most trains. **HOT7 90 minutes \$24.95**

HOT SPOTS 8 - DAGGETT, CA

Daggett, California, is about 8 miles east of Barstow Yard and is the point UP's line from Salt Lake City joins BNSF's transcontinental main line. We caught all the action on a superb March 2000 day, from before dawn to after sunset, seeing about 45 trains. Lots of dash 9's, two trains side by side and a first look at UP's 6000hp SD90MAC's with the nose door. **75 minutes plus previews HOT8 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 9 - O'FALLONS, NE

O'Fallons, Nebraska is the west end of the busiest piece of freight railroad in the country, with an average of 120 trains a day. This is the point the Orin coal line diverges from the Overland Route, 12 miles or so west of UP's big yard at North Platte. We spent a day at O'Fallons in 2000, 60+ trains in 12 hours, tons of action. **HOT9 90 mins \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 10 - CISCO, BC

Cisco, British Columbia is the point in the Fraser River Canyon where CN & CP cross each other and the Fraser on big steel trestles. This highly scenic location sees plenty of trains from both carriers, CN in particular running some huge freights. Directional running is now the norm, with eastbounds on CP and westbounds on CN. Two days of trains! **1 hour HOT10 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 11 - TUCSON, AZ



We spent two days at the famous over/under at Davidson Canyon, in November, 2000, when the wings were new, and in May, 2002 when they were abundant! We also caught several of the new flag paint scheme, and a number of the new flair 70M's. A special treat was a scruffy SP tunnel motor leading. **1 hour HOT11 \$24.95**

HOT SPOTS 12

- THE NE CORRIDOR

Two days full of trains at two of the hottest spots on the NE corridor, Perryville, MD and Elizabeth, NJ. AEM7's, E60's, Acela Express, NJT, MARC. Bonus Feature - NJT at Hoboken, NJ. **80 mins HOT12 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 13 - WILLIAMS JUNCTION, AZ



Williams Junction is the point that the Phoenix line branches off from BNSF's transcontinental main line. Join us for two days of hot action around the junction, with power from UP, SP, KCS, CN, WC, CSX, NS & SOO in addition to the rainbow of colors from BNSF, including warbonnets! **90 mins HOT13 \$24.95**

HOT SPOTS 14 - CALLAHAN, FL

CSX's main line into Florida. Callahan is 20 miles north of Jacksonville and south of the point the line from Waycross, GA joins the main line. **60 minutes HOT14 \$24.95**



HOT SPOTS 15 - WILLARD - OH



Willard, Ohio is a busy CSX yard on the former B&O mainline across Ohio. We spent two full days at Willard to bring you lots of color and action, including UP, BNSF, CN, Wheeling & Lake Erie and loads of lease units. If you didn't know where you were you'd be hard pressed to figure out just who's railroad this was, tons of action! **105 minutes HOT15 \$24.95**

HOT SPOTS 16 - CENTRALIA, IL

3 main lines meet in Centralia, splitting downtown. Canadian National's former Illinois Central, BNSF's former Burlington and NS's former Southern. Several days of action with a wide variety of paint schemes, coal trains, rack trains, manifests and intermodal together with Amtrak. Minimal narration. **2 hours \$24.95 WIDESCREEN HOT16W**



HOT SPOTS 17 - ROOSEVELT ROAD



Roosevelt Road is just outside Chicago's Union Station and hosts both Metra and Amtrak. New Metra MP36PH-3S's and F40PH-2's shuttle stainless steel bi-levels, and Amtrak shows off their P42-BWH's. Multiple train meets. Narration On/Off feature! **90+ minutes \$24.95 WIDESCREEN HOT17W**

HOT SPOTS 18 - ROCHELLE, IL

Heavy UP & BNSF at this busy double track diamond. Both new power, GEVO & SD70ACe's and older power on transfers, including ex C&NW power. SD70ACe's Katy & MoPac make an appearance. **100 mins HOT18 \$24.95 WIDESCREEN HOT18W**



HOT SPOTS 19 - GALESBURG, IL



Galesburg, Illinois is one of the busiest railroad hot spots in the mid west. You'll see some yard action, Amtrak, and action on the old Santa Fe and Burlington, including both over-unders - downtown and Cameron. Lots of different paint schemes and power. **2 hours HOT19 \$24.95 WIDESCREEN HOT19W**

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HOT SPOTS 20 - DESHLER, OHIO

Deshler is the crossing of the CSX north-south single track Toledo to Cincinnati line with the east-west double track Chicago line at grade. The tower still stands, but is now used by MoW. All kinds of power, including NS, UP & BNSF, the CSX OCS with F40's and even a couple of locals with cabooses, and several meets.



Loads of action! Minimal narration. **HOT20 \$24.95 WIDESCREEN HOT20W**

HOT SPOTS 21 - MARSHALL CANYON



UP, BNSF & CP action in Marshall Canyon, Washington. Located southwest of Spokane, the canyon funnels 3 railroads up to the high desert of the Columbia Plateau. Includes the Palouse River & Coulee County RR. Latah Bridge in Spokane to Cheney. **HOT**

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HOT SPOTS 22 - FULLERTON, CA

Fullerton, just a few miles from Los Angeles sees MetroLink commuter trains, Amtrak Surfliners and BNSF freights, and can be a very busy place. Minimal narration! **75 minutes HOT22W \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY!**



HOT SPOTS 23 - KANSAS CITY-THE BOTTOMS



The Bottoms is an old industrial area in Kansas City, MO. Two main lines run side by side for a short distance at Union Avenue, and the action can be intense, with a wide variety of power and paint schemes. We also take a look at BN Junction, with trains on three levels and continuous action, with trains

going in several directions at once. Awesome action! No narration! **2 hours 23 minutes HOT23W \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY! BLU-RAY DVD \$29.95 BRHOT23**

HOT SPOTS 24 - HERSHEY, NE



Hershey, Nebraska is located a few miles west of North Platte, on Union Pacific's Overland Route. This is part of the busiest section of freight railroad in the world. 4 tracks run through Hershey, multiple trains are often in view. Dawn to dusk at this busy location. **105 minutes**

HOT24W \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY!

HOT SPOTS 25 - MARION, OH

3 main lines cross at grade in Marion, Ohio, 2 CSX, 1 north-south and 1 east-west cross an NS north-south line. We get you in close to the action, right at the diamonds. **105 minutes HOT25W \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY! BLU-RAY DVD \$29.95 BRHOT25**



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Trains of the World!

AMSTERDAM'S COLORFUL TRAINS



We start our look at the trains of Amsterdam, in the Netherlands, at the central station, with electric loco hauled passenger trains, and mu's, and the light rail near the station. Then it's out to a local park to see the trains on the main line, then we visit the area around Dordrecht and Lage Zwaluwe for electric passenger and freight trains, diesel freight and Belgian electric loco hauled

freights and passenger trains, former East German/Soviet diesels, private operators and the Thalys high speed train to Brussels and Paris. **105 MINUTES AMCT \$35.95**

BEIJING'S COLORFUL TRAINS

Colorful indeed, with a wild variety of colors, including some very strange schemes indeed.

We take you to Fengtai, on the outskirts of the city for diesel freights and passenger trains, and electric hauled passenger and freight trains. Fengtai station is at the end of a hump yard, so we also see DF7's switching (a Fairbanks-Morse lookalike, sort of). Next it's off to Dahuichang for diesel hauled freights and a few passenger trains, and the famed limestone railway, with it's 2' 6" gauge O-8-O's. We visit an unidentified junction



for electric freights, and after being sent away by the police and China Rail officials we visit a more friendly grade crossing for the double unit 8K electric locomotives and a variety of industrial type units. Then it's off to the Beijing City Wall for an overlook at Central Station, and finally we visit a yard, where the staff invited us in and showed us where to set up! Impressive railroading! **2 HOURS 20 MINUTES BEIJ \$35.95**

CALCUTTA'S COLORFUL TRAINS



5' 6" gauge trains, EMU's with people hanging from the doors, and both diesel and electric hauled passenger trains, from locals to Rajdhani Expresses. The trains are colorful and full of character, the diesel locomotives are Indian built Alco models, delightfully smokey, in a variety of types and colors. Howrah, with swarms of people everywhere, is India's largest station. We also visit Kamarkundu Junction and some freight trains. **TWO HOURS CCT \$35.95 WIDESCREEN DVD CCTW**

Kolaghat Junction for more passenger trains

COLOGNE'S COLORFUL TRAINS

Visit the main station in Cologne, Germany for intensive passenger train service under the superb arched glass roof. Lots of ICE trains of both styles, plus electric hauled intercity and local services, both emu's and dmu's and a diesel hauled passenger train. Then it's off to trackside to see trains at speed, then we visit busy Cologne West for passenger and freight trains, both electric and diesel, with a variety of different power and operators. **105 MINUTES COCT \$35.95**



LONDON'S COLORFUL TRAINS



Since Britain's railways privatised there are now lots of colorful paint schemes. We checked out London's main line stations to see what was new, including Eurostar, the Channel Tunnel train, and spent a day at Clapham Junction, Britain's busiest railway station, with loads of non stop action, including a steam excursion. Lots of different companies, including Gatwick Express, First

Great Eastern, Connex, First Great Western, Great North Eastern, Midland Trains, Silverlink, Freightliner, Virgin Trains and lots more. **TWO HOURS LOND \$35.95**

QUEENSLAND COAL - THE BLACKWATER SYSTEM

Intense, heavy duty coal train action on QR National's Blackwater System in Queensland, Australia. Big trains powered by a pair of head end diesel or electric locomotives, with up to three mid train helpers. In addition, you'll see some passenger trains, including Australia's fastest, the Tilt Train and some regular freights. Narration on/off and chapter markers for each location. **TWO HOURS QLW \$35.95 WIDESCREEN QLWB**

SYDNEY'S COLORFUL TRAINS

Join us for a visit to see the colorful trains of Sydney, Australia. We start with a visit to Enfield yard and locomotive facility, then we visit the Botany goods line for freight working.



Next it's off to Sandown for Freight Australia, a ride on a switcher and a pair of ancient Alco's, including a PA lookalike class 44 making up a container train. We take a look at Sydney's impressive high density suburban electrified service, find the twice weekly "Indian Pacific", light rail and the city monorail, find a couple of freights and some emu's at Cowan and finally take a look at intensive

coal train service in the Hunter Valley with big class 90's. Lots of color and excitement! **1 HOUR 45 MINUTES SYDC \$35.95**

TOKYO'S COLORFUL TRAINS

Incredible volume of trains, variety and colors. See the trains in Tokyo, Shinagwa, Shinjuku, Yono, Kawasaki and Ueno. See the Shinkansen, the bullet trains in a variety of futuristic styles and color schemes. Incredible volume of commuters crammed into trains on 2 minutes headway! A wild variety of emu's and electric freight locomotives. **105 MINUTES TYCT \$35.95**



VIENNA'S COLORFUL TRAINS

Austrian, German, Hungarian and Czech power at Vienna's Sudbahnhof, Westbahnhof and Meidling, Austria's busiest railway station. Then it's off to the main line west to Saint Polten, with international and long distance trains, locals and freights. We spend some time at Saint Polten after seeing trains along the route, where in addition to the bustle of the main line trains



we see the narrow gauge Mariazellerbahn. Finally we follow the main line south over scenic Semmering Pass. Includes a brief look at the control room at Semmering. **Narration On/Off feature! 2 hours VCT \$35.95 WIDESCREEN VCTW**

WISCONSIN CENTRAL'S ENGLISH, WELSH SCOTTISH

Wisconsin Central took over most of Britains freight railroad in 1996, forming the English, Welsh and Scottish Railway. We visited 6 of Britains hot spots in October, 1998 - Milford Junction for coal and GMD Class 59's, Warrington on the electrified west coast main line, Peak Forest for stone, Barnetby, one of the busiest places in England, with magnificent arrays of semaphores, Colton Junction where the Leeds line joins the electrified east coast main line and Newport for steel and the new GMD Class 66's. Exciting high density railroading, with freights mixed up with 125 mph passenger trains. **TWO HOURS EWS \$35.95**



ZURICH'S COLORFUL TRAINS



Spend Sunday afternoon on the main station in Zurich, Switzerland, with 64 trains in one hour, including French and Italian. Then we head down to the Gotthard Line for a look at both passenger and freight trains. Amazing action, and they run to time! **TWO HOURS ZCT \$35.95**



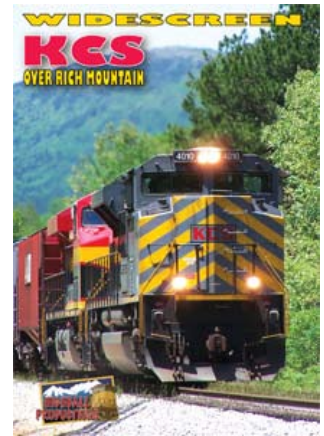


A SALUTE TO THE SP

The SP lives! At least in the hearts of it's fans, and here on DVD! SP power in action on Tennessee Pass in the winter before it closed, over the grades of Cajon Pass and Soldier Summit, and a GE powered local in Rosenberg, Texas. Power is AC44's, SD70M's, SD40-2's, SD45's and SD40T-2 & SD45T-2 "tunnel motors". We've combed our files for the best of SP for this first program. **60 mins ASSP \$24.95, FULL SCREEN**

KCS OVER RICH MOUNTAIN

Kansas City Southern tackles the stiff thirteen mile grade over Rich Mountain on the Oklahoma - Arkansas border. New power is much in evidence, SD70ACe's, Gevo's and of course the new "Retro Belle" paint scheme. BNSF & UP coal trains make an appearance, as do KCS's former Mexican units. Narration on/off. **90 MINUTES KRMW \$29.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY.**

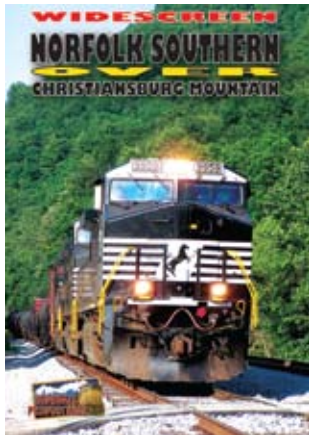
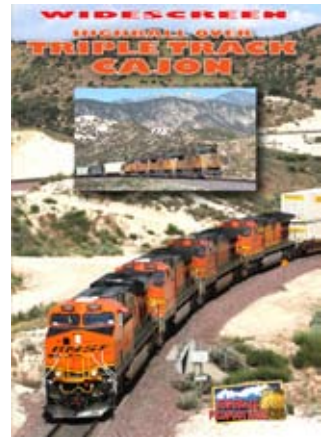


CAJON PASS CAB RIDE

Join us for a March, 1998 legal cab ride over California's Cajon Pass on board BNSF C44-9W #1018, on train ZLACMEM. The BN-ATSF merger is young, and most of the power seen is warbonnet or bluebonnet. The view is straight ahead with some roving camera shots, and you'll hear radio chatter and conversation in the cab. A student engineer is running the train, conversation includes advice on train handling. **1 hour 55 mins. CPR \$35.95 FULLSCREEN DVD ONLY!**

HIGHBALL OVER TRIPLE TRACK CAJON

BNSF recently finished triple tracking Cajon Pass in California, one of the premier train watching locations in the world. We take a look at the new triple track Cajon, with favorite locations Keenbrook, Blue Cut, Sullivan's Curve, Mormon Rocks, "The Hill", Summit and Frost, as well as some new locations. We'll see the latest power from both BNSF and UP, and see a number of meets as well as trains grinding up the pass. Awesome! **2 hours. HTCW \$35.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY!**

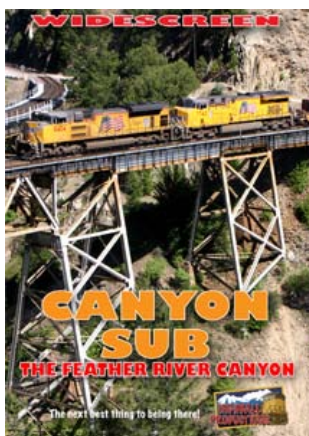
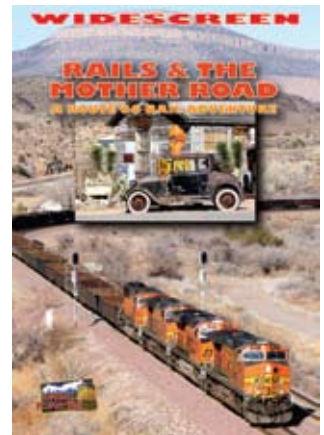


NORFOLK SOUTHERN OVER CHRISTIANSBURG MOUNTAIN

Norfolk Southern's Christiansburg and Whitethorn Districts between Bluefield and Roanoke. A rare opportunity to see both eastbounds and westbounds on the normally eastbound Whitethorn District. Coal trains, manifests and intermodals on the west and east ends of the Christiansburg District. **100 minutes plus previews. NOCMW \$29.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY!**

RAILS & THE MOTHER ROAD

Well, this one's a bit different. Elrond Lawrence's book "Route 66 Railway" convinced me that I should go take a look and see what was left of Route 66's artifacts. Disc 1 takes a look at California, from San Bernardino, over Cajon, through Victorville to Barstow, and across the Mojave to Needles and the bridge at Topok. Disc 2 takes a look at Arizona, from Kingman Canyon to Flagstaff and on to Canyon Diablo, Winslow, Holbrook and the the NM border at Lupton. In addition to the trains, you'll see amongst other things, neon, abandoned gas stations, tourist traps and restored depots. **2 DVD Set 90 minutes each RA09 \$29.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY!**

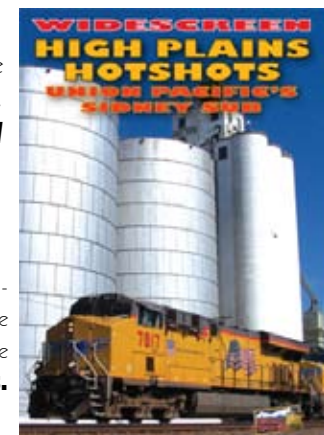


CANYON SUB - THE FEATHER RIVER CANYON

UP & BNSF through the spectacular scenery of the Feather River canyon between Oroville and Portola, California. Famous locations include Serpentine Canyon, Williams Loop, Pulga, James, the trestles at Keddie, Clio and Rock Creek. Perfect weather! **90 mins. FEAW \$29.95 WIDECREEN DVD ONLY!**

HIGH PLAINS HOTSHOTS

Union Pacific hotshots, double stacks, grain trains, manifests and coal trains on the high plains of Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska. The Sidney Sub, part of the Overland Route, runs from Cheyenne to North Platte and sees up to 50+ trains a day. Grain elevators decorate the landscape, and make an impressive background to the constant parade of trains. **1 hour 45 minutes plus previews. HPHW \$29.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY!**



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A real working logging railway, with steam in use on a daily basis. The last steam logger in Europe, possibly the world. We rode working logging trains, or a railbus following the trains. In addition to the trains and the people, in Romania's Water Valley in perfect fall weather, you'll be chased by a train, see logging disconnects being loaded, the daily activity in Viseu, realigning track with a crowbar, and see a derailed loaded disconnect being rerailed, 3 ring circus doesn't begin to describe it! Plus you'll see a couple of diesels, and some of the bizarre truck/van hirailers, including fiery cold starts. OSHA would have a fit, hard hats? safety goggles? **VDS 2 hours \$24.95 WIDESCREEN VDSW**



STEAM IN THE HARZ



The Harz Mountains in Northern Germany, formerly East Germany, is home to the largest steam powered meter gauge system in Europe. Chunky 2-10-2 tank engines are the mainstay of the three line system (Harzquerbahn, Brockenbahn and Selketalbahn) and power all service trains up the 3% 12 mile climb up to the Brocken.

Charming 0-4-4-0 Mallet tanks and an 0-6-0 tank are used in regular service as well as enthusiasts specials, and a 2-6-2 tank is also available for enthusiasts specials. You'll see double headers, spectacular side by side departures and a variety of regular and special trains. Some awesome stack talk! Narration on/off feature. **HARZ \$24.95 WIDESCREEN HARZW**

SWEET STEAM

The Sugar Cane Railways of Java

The declining sugar cane railways of Java, Indonesia, still host a wide variety of elderly, exotic colorful steam engines in both the cane fields and the mills, and also have a variety of diesel "critters". Steam from O&K, including unique inside frame geared Luttermoller's, Jung, Ducroo & Brauns, BMAG, the last fireless loco's in Java and others. The little engines are worked hard, often brutally so, and some of the exhaust noise is awesome! Water Buffalo are used in the cane fields to haul cane wagons to the "main line". Plus you'll ride on the engines, be chased by a train, and see some local life, including lots of curious kids! **TWO DVD SET. Running time 90 minutes each WIDESCREEN ONLY JAWAW \$29.95 BLU-RAY DVD \$34.95 BRJAVA**



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BLANCHE AND THE EARL



A steamy story about Wales' Ffestiniog Railway and two of its locomotives. We take a cab ride on Blanche, and see both Blanche and The Earl out on the line. In addition we'll take a brief tour of the shops at Boston Lodge and a slate mine. Blanche makes a lot of noise for such a little engine, loads of fun! The Earl is a double Fairlie, with a central cab and two boilers!

GARRATTS UNDER SNOWDON.



Take a cab ride on an ex South African 2' gauge Beyer-Garratt on the Welsh Highland Railway, and see two Garratts in action from trackside. Enormous machines for 2' gauge, and what a noise they make! Thoroughly enjoyable! You'll also see a little Welsh scenery.

Almost two hours of Welsh steam action on one DVD! WELSH STEAM 1, ONLY \$24.95! WS1 WIDESCREEN WS1W BLU-RAY BRWS1 \$29.95

K-36 CAB RIDE



Ride the the cab of a Durango & Silverton 3 foot gauge former Rio Grande K-36 2-8-2. You'll see the magnificent scenery, the crew at work, some run-by's and through it all you'll hear the engine at work, with some awesome stack talk. **NO NARRATION! 90 minutes \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY KCRW**

K-36 OVER CUMBRES PASS

Former Rio Grande three foot gauge K-36 2-8-2's on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in Colorado's San Juan mountains. Double headed passenger trains, single, double and triple headed photo freight trains in perfect fall weather with superb foliage and some awesome stack talk. Plus you'll see the engines being serviced, watered and taking coal in Chama yard. Chapter markers and narration on/off. **1hour 50 minutes plus previews WIDESCREEN K36W \$29.95**



ALONG THE ANIMAS RIVER



Exciting narrow gauge steam action in the spectacular scenery of Colorado's Animas River Canyon. A fall Durango & Silverton photographers special provides both sunny and moody, atmospheric weather, and a winter special has glorious sunshine with deep snow. K-28 2-8-2 #478 is the power for the specials, and K-36 2-8-2's are in charge of the regular passenger trains. Don't miss the action! Narration on/off and a marker for each train. **90 minutes ATAW \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DVD ONLY**

THE ROMNEY, HYTHE & DYMCHURCH

The RH&D is a 15" gauge, 1/3 scale, 13.5 mile light railway in Kent, England. Power is to the outline of Gresley A3 Pacifics, plus a couple of 4-8-2's. Built in the late 1920's, impeccably maintained and turned out, these 9+ ton engines are truly delightful. The railway is not a toy, hauling school children as well as tourists. As much fun as anything I've seen! Narration on/off.



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TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD BY STEAM

THE DARJEELING - HIMALAYAN RAILWAY



We start our journey at Siliguri, not quite the start of the railway, but the site of the engine shed, and an Indian Rail station, so there are 3 gauges, broad gauge, meter gauge and the two foot Darjeeling. During the journey, the railway crosses Hill Cart Road 177 times, and rises 6874 feet to the summit at Ghum. Kanchenjunga, the second or third highest mountain in the world

(depends on who's figures you use) at over 28,000 feet was visible from near Darjeeling, it's mostly not! And for a bonus, you'll see the sugar mill at Riga in Bihar province. **1 hour 40 minutes DHR \$24.95 WIDESCREEN DHRW**

MALLETS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Italian built 0-4-4-0 mallet tank engines hard at work in this scenic east African country. from the Red Sea port of Massawa across the desert and up through the mountains, over the bridges and through the tunnels to arbaroba and on to the capital of Eritrea, Asmara. Along the way we'll see the people, camels and of course the kids. Freight trains, passenger trains, double headers and a cab ride. **2 Hrs WIDESCREEN DVD \$24.95 RHDW BLU-RAY DVD BRMTM \$29.95**



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