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Flash Streamliners*



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# SPECIAL TRAIN EXCURSION

TO

# MONTE NE

ARKANSAS

AND RETURN

VIA



## Wednesday, October 7

1903

ACCOUNT

Woodmen of the World  
LOG ROLLING

Time of Special Train and Round Trip Rates.

Special Train Schedule	STATIONS	Special Round Trip Rate to Monte Ne
3.00 a. m.	Lv. Dixon	\$1.75
3.10 "	" Hancock	1.75
3.28 "	" Crocker	1.75
3.41 "	" Swedeberg	1.75
3.56 "	" Richland	1.75
4.08 "	" Southland	1.50
4.23 "	" Steeper	1.50
4.37 "	" Lebanon	1.50
4.53 "	" Phillipsburg	1.50
5.08 "	" Coe way	1.50
5.29 "	" Niangua	1.50
5.41 "	" Marshfield	1.25
5.54 "	" Northview	1.25
6.13 "	" Stratford	1.25
6.50 "	" Springfield	1.25
7.00 "	" Nichols	1.25
7.02 "	" Haseltine	1.25
7.10 "	" Brookline	1.25
7.22 "	" Republic	1.25
7.34 "	" Billings	1.25
7.44 "	" Logan	1.25
7.47 "	" Marionville	1.25
7.59 "	" Aurora	1.25
8.10 "	" Verona	1.00
8.50 "	Ar. Monett	1.00
8.50 "	Lv. Monett	1.00
8.58 "	" Purdy	1.00
9.03 "	" Butterfield	1.00
9.19 "	" Exeter	1.00
9.33 "	" Washburn	1.00
9.46 "	" Seligman	1.00
9.54 "	" Osborne	.85
10.03 "	" Garfield	.80
10.20 "	" Avoca	.80
10.31 "	" Rogers	.80
11.00 a. m.	Ar. Monte Ne	

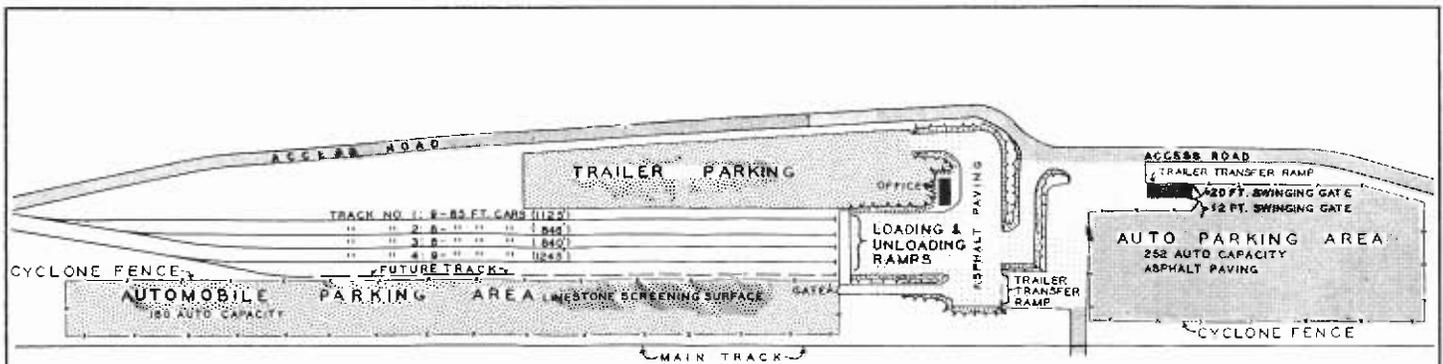
Returning, Special Train will leave Monte Ne at 6.00 p. m., October 7, 1903.

Tickets sold at above rates will only be good for passage on Special Train of date mentioned.

# FRISCO Automobile Handling Facilities

IN 1962, the Frisco had in service five automobile handling facilities located at St. Louis, MO, Tulsa, OK, Birmingham, AL, Irving, TX, and Floydada, TX. This is the second in a series of features profiling the automobile facilities with layout diagrams and photos.

## Tulsa, OK



### RAMP-AREA DETAILS:

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**FRISCO AUTOMOBILE RAMP  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

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Frisko's Tulsa automobile storage yard with trailer loading ramp in center foreground

Frisko photo



*Frisco's Tulsa automobile ramp. Trailer storage area in right-hand side of photo. Additional automobile storage area was being created at the left of the ramp tracks. The old passenger main track is shown to the left of the ramp tracks. circa. 1962*

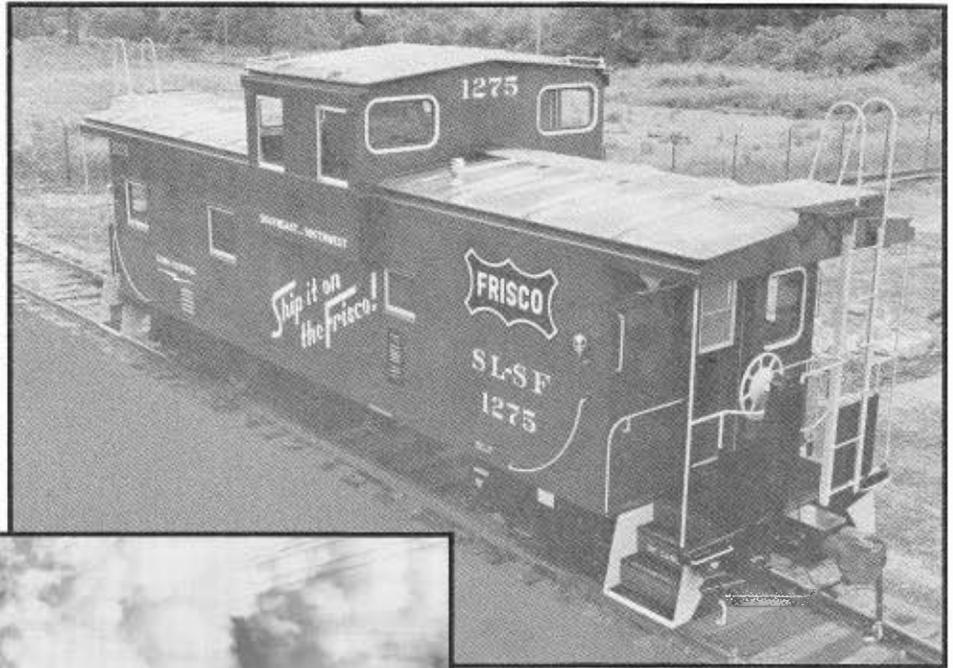
*Frisco photo*



*Frisco's Tulsa automobile ramp, still in service in 1978. Frisco photo*



**LOOKING BACKWARD** is a regular feature of the **ALL ABOARD** that takes a look back through our files at the people, equipment, facilities, operations, and events that were a part of the Frisco 25, 50, and 75 years ago.



## 25 YEARS - 1968

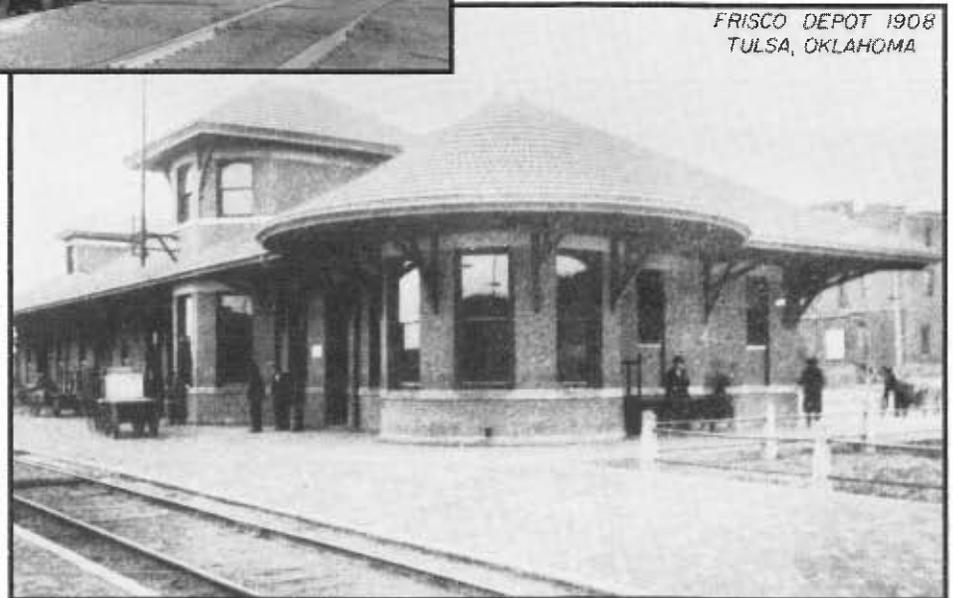
On May 14, 1968, the Frisco Board of Directors authorized the purchase of ten new International all-steel, wide vision cupola, cabooses, series 1275-1284, at an approximate cost of \$26,500.00 each. Frisco photo



## 50 YEARS - 1943

Frisko motive power purchases in 1943 were unique in that both steam and diesel locomotives were purchased. Ten 4-8-4 *Mountain* class steam locomotives were delivered, Nos. 4515-4524, the last steam power purchased by the Frisco. New diesel power in 1943 included thirteen switch engines: No. 3, a 44-ton Witcomb unit, Nos. 4-8, 44-ton GE's, and seven Baldwin built VO-1000 locomotives, Nos. 207-213.

Frisko photo



FRISCO DEPOT 1908  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

## 75 YEARS - 1918

In 1918, the passenger depot at Tulsa, OK, was enlarged.  
H.D. Connor collection

# FRISCO'S EXECUTIVE FLEET



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the fourth in our series on the **Friscos Executive Fleet** of Business Cars.

## Tennessee

The *Tennessee* Business Car was originally built in March, 1912, by the American Car & Foundry Co. as a 79 ft. all steel coach, No. 1084, one of a series of fifteen such units, Nos. 1074-1088, built under lot #6335. In 1942, No. 1084 was rebuilt in the Springfield, MO West Coach Shops as dining car No. 645, the second in a series of five (644-648) Zephyr Blue & White Soldier Diners. (See *All Aboard*, April-May, 1992, pp. 18-20)

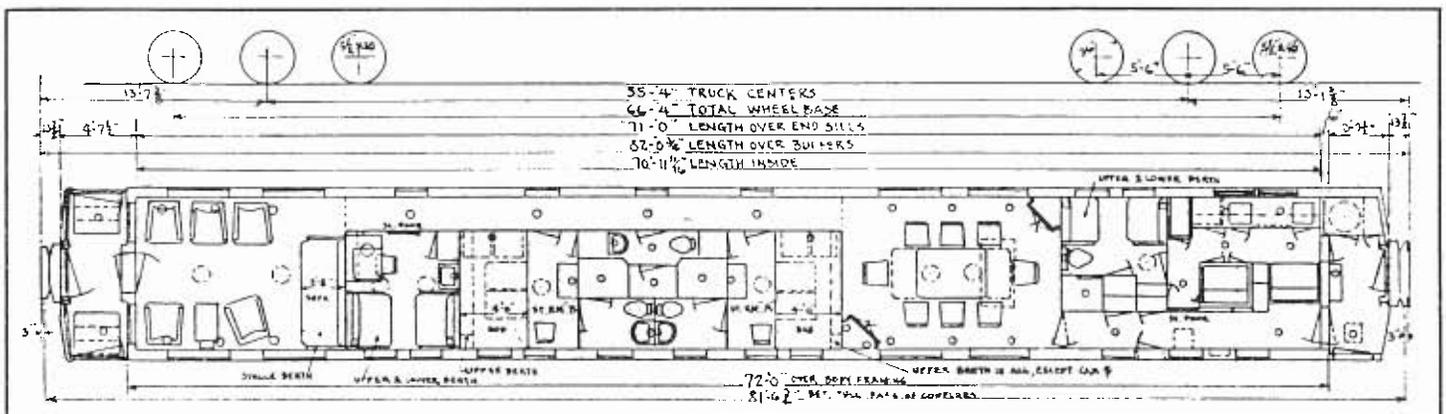
*Right side view, Frisco Business Car #2, West Springfield Coach Shops, March 24, 1948. Frisco photo*

It is interesting to note that all five of the original soldier diners were eventually rebuilt as business cars. No. 644 became the *Missouri*, No. 645 the *Tennessee*, No. 646 the *St. Louis*, No. 647 the *Alabama*, and No. 648 became the *Springfield* car. It is also noteworthy that the diners were all converted from the same series of passenger coaches. No. 1082 became diner 644, No. 1084 became No. 645, No. 1086 to No. 646, No. 1088 to No. 647, and coach No. 1089 became No. 648.

In April, 1948, No. 645 once again entered the West Coach Shop, this time to emerge as Business Car

No. 2. The new executive coach was 82 ft. long, weighed 219,200 lbs., and included a full service kitchen and crew quarters, a dining room, two large state rooms with individual baths, a secretary's quarters, and the standard observation room on the platform or A end of the car. The interior finish was mahogany paneling with ivory colored steel accessories. The exterior finish was a standard Pullman Green with black roof, and gold lettering & details.

When completed, car No. 2 was assigned to the office of Vice-President of Operations. In that



capacity, it served F.H. Shaffer, S.J. Frazier, and R.J. Stone, the last company executive to use the car.

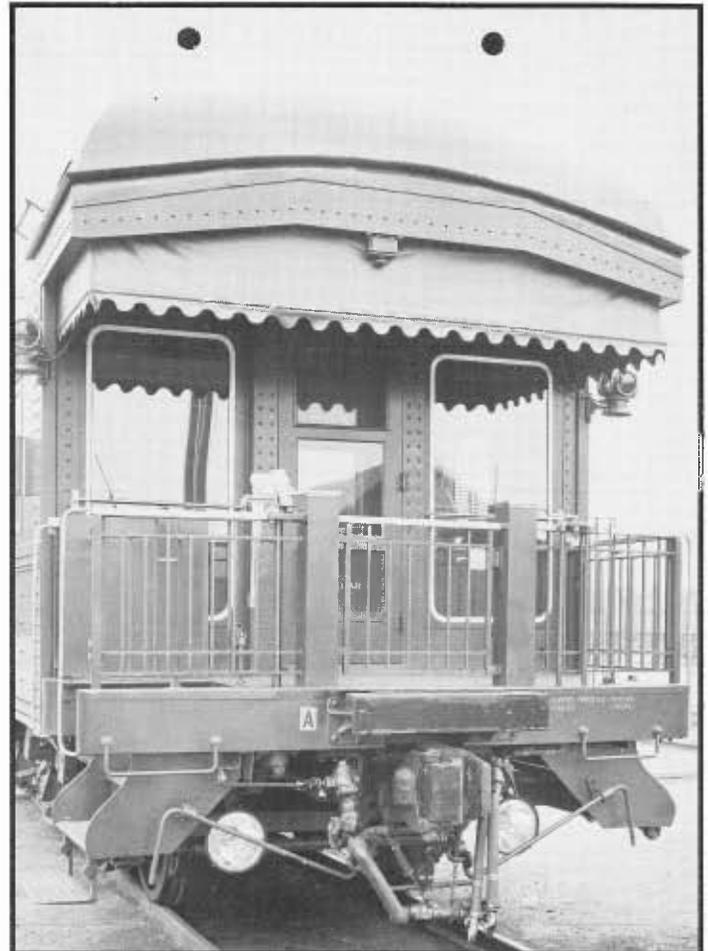
In June, 1954, the numerical

designation of No. 2 was replaced with the name *Tennessee*; and three years later the car was removed from service and placed in storage

at Springfield. In August, 1965, it was sold to a private individual.



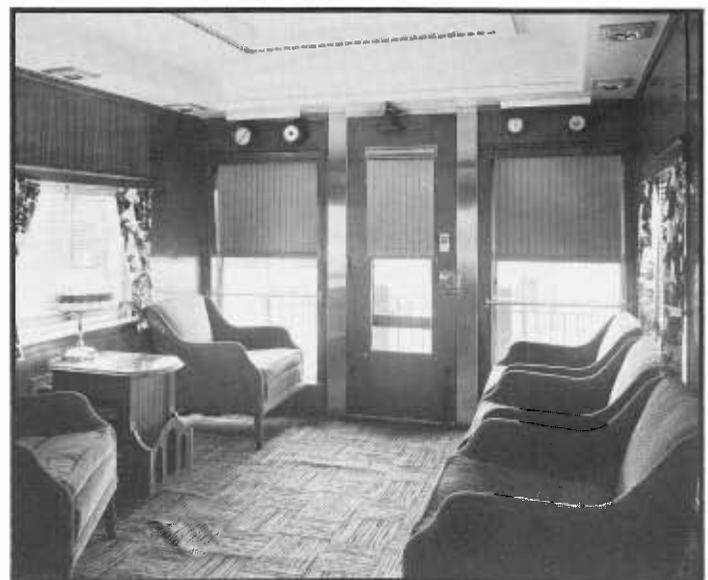
*B end of Tennessee Business Car, Springfield Coach Shops, March 3, 1948. Frisco photo*



*A end of Tennessee Business Car, Springfield Coach Shops, March 3, 1948. Frisco photo*



*Dining Room looking toward B end of car, Springfield Coach Shops, March 3, 1948. Frisco photo*



*Observation Room looking toward A end of car, Springfield Coach Shops, March 3, 1948. Frisco photo*

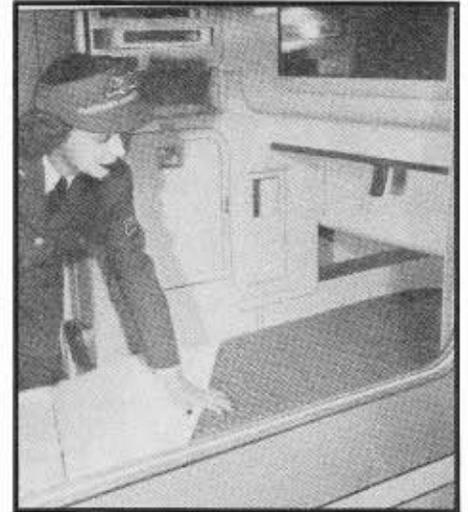
# Frisco's Duplex Sleepers?

On June 23, 1945, Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co. presented the Frisco with a proposal for a fleet of new streamline passenger cars that included floor plans, photographs, drawings, and specifications for thirteen cars, four of which were for a new innovation in sleeping cars called the *Duplex Roomette*.

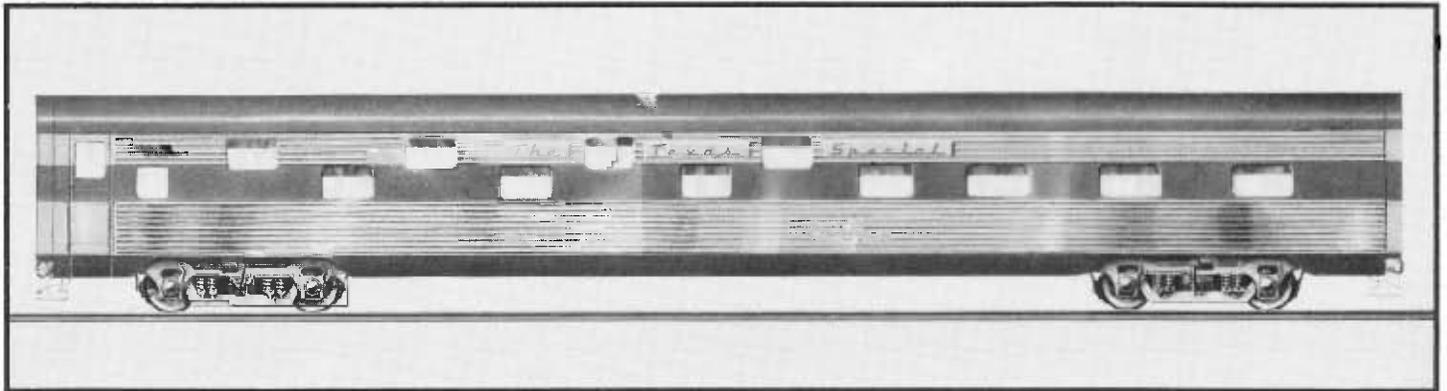
In the March 1, 1946, issue of the *Frisco First* magazine, under the heading *Streamline Preview*, the following article appeared:

*The upper berth, least popular of sleeping car accommodations since 1859, when it was conceived by George Pullman, will be a thing of the past when Frisco Lines inaugurates its new streamline Flash trains for the Meteor and Texas Special.*

*Pullman-Standard, the duplex roomette car can be identified by its staggered windows. To date only one such car has been built. Constructed just before the war, it immediately proved to be most popular of the bargain-price sleeping car accommodations. Each roomette - costing only 45 cents more than the lower berth rate between Tulsa and St. Louis - constitutes a sitting room by day and bedroom by night. Washroom and toilet facilities are provided in each roomette. The bed, completely made-up, before passengers board the train, disappears into the wall. When the passenger wants to go to bed or lie down during the day, all he has to do is touch a lever - and there it is. The roomette, like other rooms, has a sliding door which can be locked*



*Passenger Representative Margaret King shows the roomette ready for night occupancy. Taken through the car window picture shows how bed slides out from wall at right. During day, bed is pushed back and hidden by curtain. Frisco First photo, March 1, 1946*



*The Pullman-Standard's Color & Design Studio produced this artist rendition of the newly proposed Frisco Duplex Roomette cars. Photo circa. 1945*

*One of the outstanding features of the new diesel-powered trains expected to appear in October is the adoption of all private room accommodations. The open section with its upper and lower berth has given way to the drawing room, bedroom, and roomette. Gone will be the communal washroom, aisles crowded by berth-making porters, and daytime backward riding on the part of upper berth occupants.*

*All this has been made possible by invention of a new type of accommodations known as the "duplex roomette." Developed by*

*from the inside to insure complete privacy. Each room also is individually air-conditioned and can be regulated by the passenger to suit himself.*

*Jerry Ketchum, passenger representative at Tulsa, and Margaret King, St. Louis, recently visited the Pullman Standard plant in Chicago. Pictures show them demonstrating some of the features found in the mock-ups of the duplex roomette which will provide bargain price, sleeping accommodations on Frisco's new diesel-powered FLASH streamliners.*

Between January and June, 1948, the Frisco purchased seventeen streamline Pullman sleepers, series 1450-1466, seven of which were lettered for service on the *Texas Special*. What is interesting to note is that while the delivered sleepers were similar to the 14-4 (fourteen roomettes, four bedrooms) design of the original proposed plans, for some reason the Frisco choose not to adopt the staggered window duplex design... reasons that are currently unknown!

Got any ideas? Want to speculate why? If so, send your thoughts to the museum office.

*Additional photos on pp. 18-19*





## MAIL CAR



The **MAIL CAR** is a feature of the **ALL ABOARD** in which we attempt to answer some of the many questions that are submitted to our **FRISCO RESEARCH SERVICE**.

If you have a question about the equipment, facilities, or operation of the Frisco, please send them to the **RESEARCH SERVICE**. All requests are answered individually and selected questions will appear in the **MAIL CAR** feature.

**QUESTION:** I recently acquired a December, 1954, Frisco public timetable that shows a red passenger train passing along a river on one side and a rock bluff on the other. Was this a picture of an actual location on the Frisco or just an artist rendition?

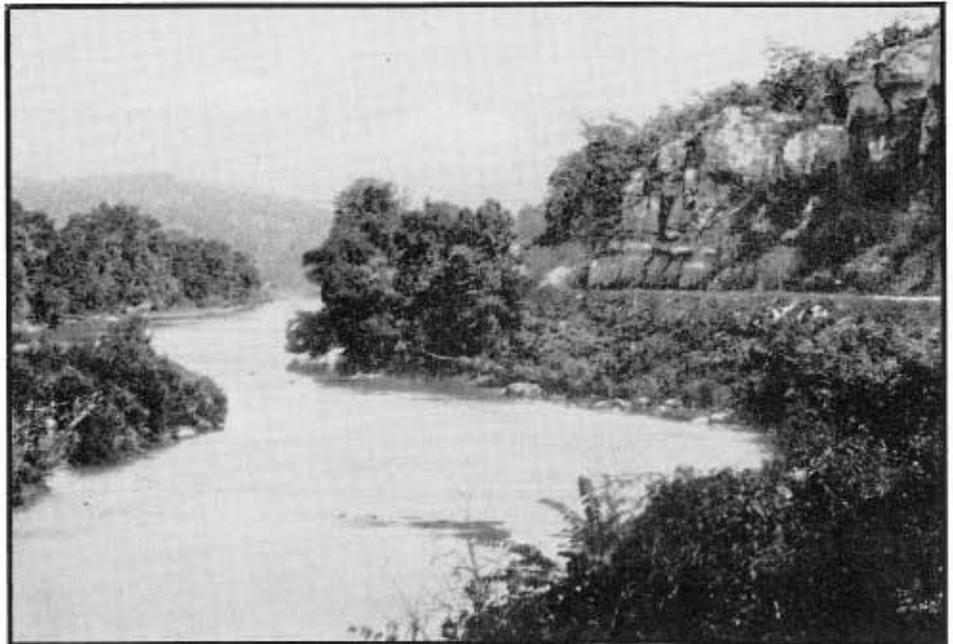
**ANSWER:** According to a 1910 era post card photo submitted by Frisco Folk Ron Wagoner, the picture on the 1954 - 1965 Frisco public timetables was of the Frisco main line passing along the Meramec River at Mincke, MO, station 23 on the Rolla Sub-Division, Eastern Division.

The passenger train in the timetable print was apparently added to the scene by an artist who failed to do his homework! If you look closely, you will notice that the motive power for the train is an A-B unit consist, a combination that the Frisco never owned and/or operated!

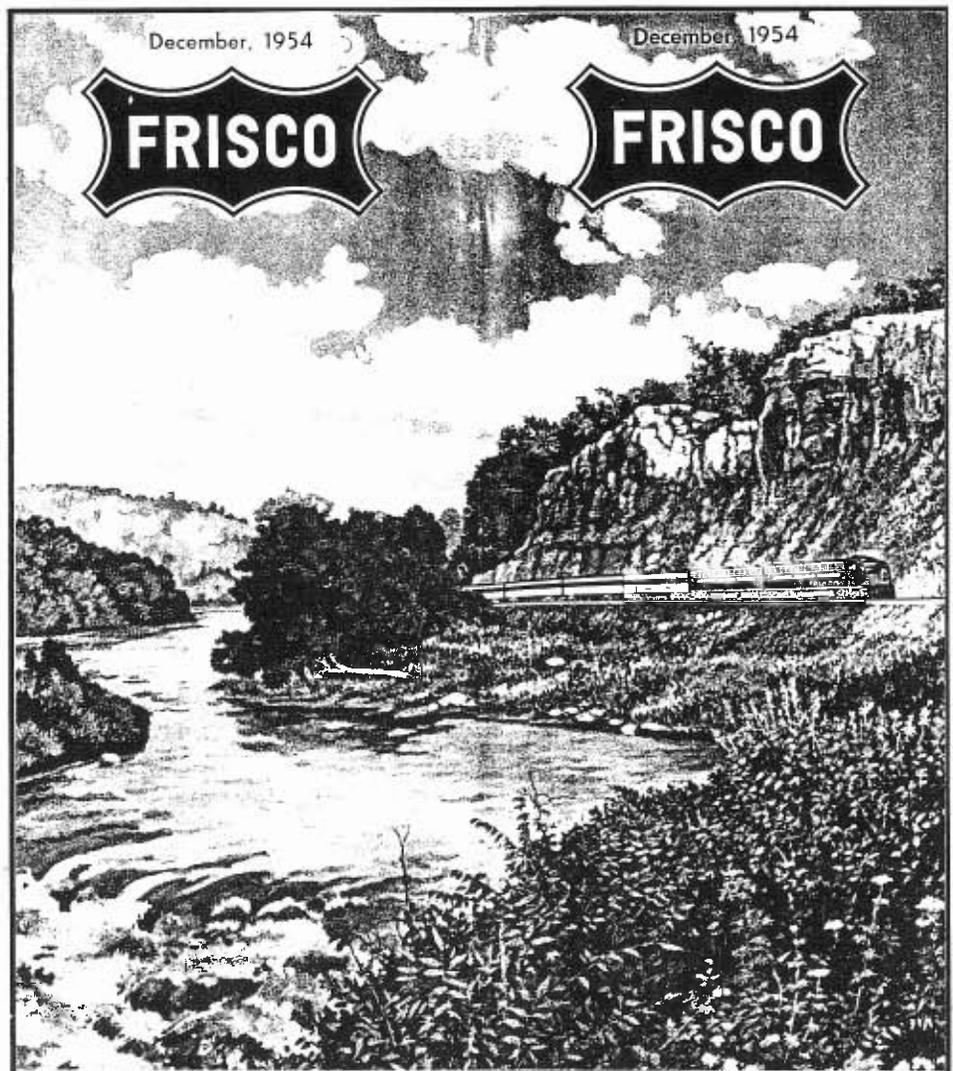
## MAIL CAR

### Up-Date

In our May-June issue of the *All Aboard*, we requested information concerning the name origin of the *Baden* passenger coach. While many of our Frisco



*Frisco main line along the Meramec River at Mincke, MO, circa. 1910.  
Ron Wagoner collection*



*Frisco public timetable, December, 1954.*

Folks responded, all with the correct information. Cordell Webb submitted the most complete answer, as follows:

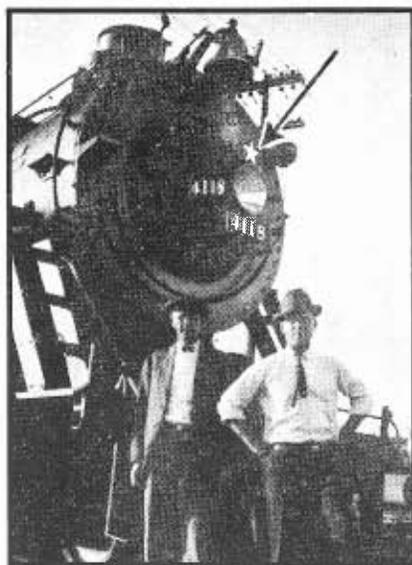
The name *Baden* comes from a neighborhood community in North St. Louis. Baden became a part of the city of St. Louis in 1876 by an act of the State Legislature. It was located on the St. Louis, Kansas

City, and Northwestern Railroad (later the Wabash). Fredrick Kraft, a pioneer settler in 1852, was born in Baden-Baden, Germany. Kraft, operator of a saloon, submitted Baden as the name for the first Post Office in 1860 and it was officially adopted when he became the postmaster. It is still called Baden today. Broadway is the principal business street. ☞

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The Baden*, No. 1252, was an 82' streamlined coach built by Pullman in November, 1947, as one of a series of three fifty-six passenger units assigned to service on the *Texas Special*. The series included 1250, the *Olivette*, 1251, the *Pasadena Hills*, and 1252, the *Baden*. In December, 1967, the *Baden* was sold to the Penn Central Railroad and renumbered #2161.



No. 1252, *Baden*, Pullman-Standard Car Mfg. Co., Chicago, IL, November 22, 1947.



## Mail Bag Trivia

In December, 1924, Frisco steam locomotives Nos. 4118 & 4119 carried a star above their headlights as special recognition for accomplishments made in September of that year. Be the **first** to tell us what these stars represented and receive a 10% discount on your next **Frisco Folks** membership renewal. Please send your answer to the museum office at 543 E. Commercial St., Springfield, MO, 65803. ☞



# Writing on the Frisco

Frisco Folk Ron Wagoner provides us with selections from his collection of classic Frisco passenger service stationery

*The Melsor* —  — *Between*  
ST. LOUIS, TULSA —  
*and* OKLAHOMA CITY

STREAMLINED  
DIESEL-POWERED

 *Melsor*  
ST. LOUIS • TULSA • OKLAHOMA CITY



STREAMLINED  
DIESEL-POWERED

*Texas Special*



  
*The Sunnyland*

*The Bluebonnet*  
EN ROUTE  
ST. LOUIS — TEXAS

 *The Bluebonnet*  
ENROUTE TO AND FROM TEXAS

*The Will Rogers* —  — *Between*  
ST. LOUIS, TULSA —  
*and* OKLAHOMA CITY

KANSAS CITY  
*Florida Special* —  — *Between*  
KANSAS CITY —  
*and* FLORIDA

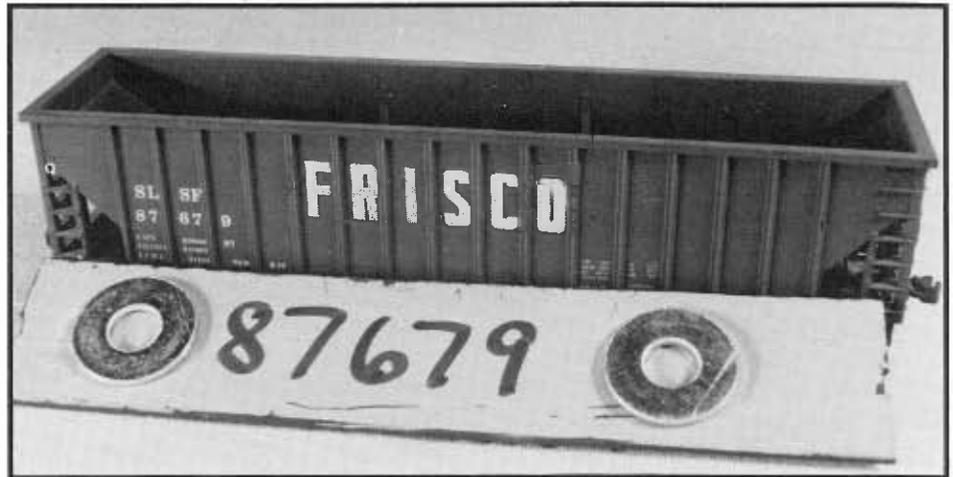


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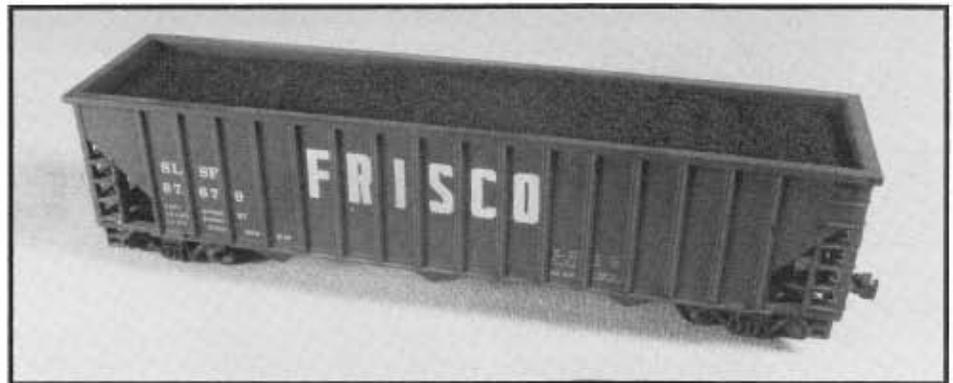
## Believable Homemade Coal & Gravel Loads

I really like open cars that show their loads such as open hoppers. The thing I don't like is the identical coal loads on the market, nor do I like their price. As a result of my desire for a variety of load shapes and my cheap nature, I now make my own loads and find that there easy, unique, and cheap!

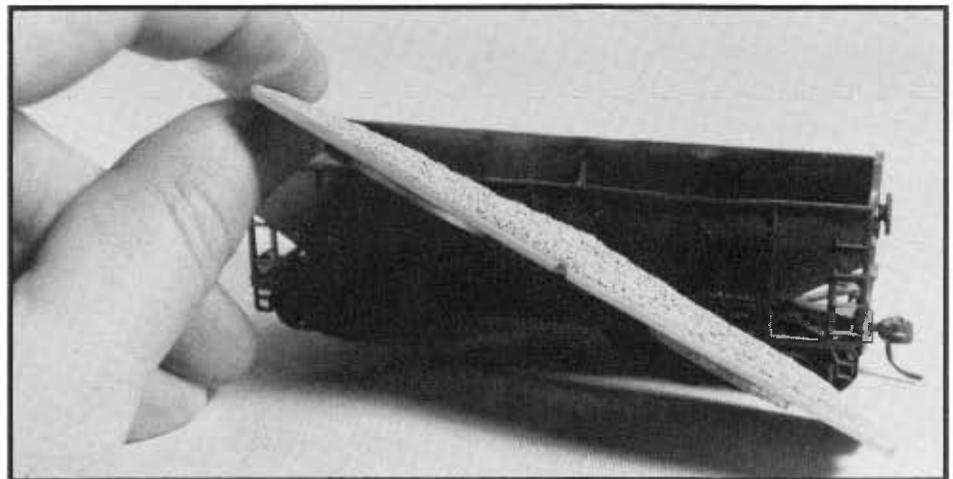
The coal load in McKean (now Con-Cor) Frisco hopper #87679 began as a piece of .040" styrene. It was cut out to lay in the hopper on the corners of the ends of the car. Some were a tight fit and required some sanding to fit properly. To aid in removing the loads, a notch was carved into the ends of the styrene to allow a small screwdriver or a hobby knife to slip in and lift the load out. Once the floor for the load was finished, it was laid on a piece of wax paper and Woodland Scenics Fine Cinders were sprinkled on. The cinders were glued to the styrene using diluted matte medium and were allowed to dry over night. The edges of the load were airbrushed Floquil Black to hide any of the styrene that did not have cinders covering it. Each load also carries its car number as I have found that the McKean cars do not have the same inside measurements. The load also enabled me to add weight to an otherwise difficult car to hide weight in. Two 3/8" flat washers were glued to the bottom of the load



*Coal load for Frisco #87679, showing notch location and washer placement.*



*Frisco #87679, loaded and ready for shipment.*



*Limestone load for Frisco #91736 showing notch location and profile view*



*Frisco #91736, loaded with Griesemer stone and ready for shipment.*



**Chapter 3:** On May 3, 1884, the Springfield & Northern Railway Co. was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Frisco. By November of that same year, thirty-eight miles of track were completed from Springfield to Bolivar. On December 29, 1885, a deed was executed officially conveying this line to its parent company.

**Chapter 4:** On April 22, 1891, the Kansas City, Osceola, & Southern Railway Co. was incorporated by John I. Blair of Blairstown, N.J. The purpose for organizing the company was to acquire the bankrupt property and franchises of the Kansas City & Southern Railway Co. On April 21, 1891, Blair purchased the line at public auction, on June 10, 1891, he took possession, and on June 16, 1891, he conveyed it to the newly formed company. Thus, what would later become known as the *Blair Line* was born.

Six years later, November 4, 1897, Blair and the Frisco entered into the following agreement:

- 1. Blair would extend his line to a connection with the Frisco at Bolivar.
- 2. The Frisco would lease the completed Blair Line from Bolivar to Kansas City.
- 3. The Frisco was given the option to purchase the entire line within five years.

On March 19, 1900, the Frisco exercised its option and on June 1, 1900, took possession of the line, thus completing its first rail link between Springfield and Kansas City. Because of its high elevation roadbed which made it less susceptible to the flooding problems experienced by other roads into the Kansas City area, the *High Line* provided service to the sixty-two stations along its route for over seventy-eight years.

On May 2, 1954, the last passenger trains made their run between Springfield and Kansas City, as #20 northbound and #21 southbound. The last Springfield departure consisted of one baggage car, one coach, and E-8 No. 2015,

*Twenty Grand*, as motive power.

Although May 2, 1954, was the last run of a Frisco passenger train on the line, patrons could still travel between Clinton and Kansas City on mixed freights #58 northbound and #59 southbound, as the following timetable notation describes:

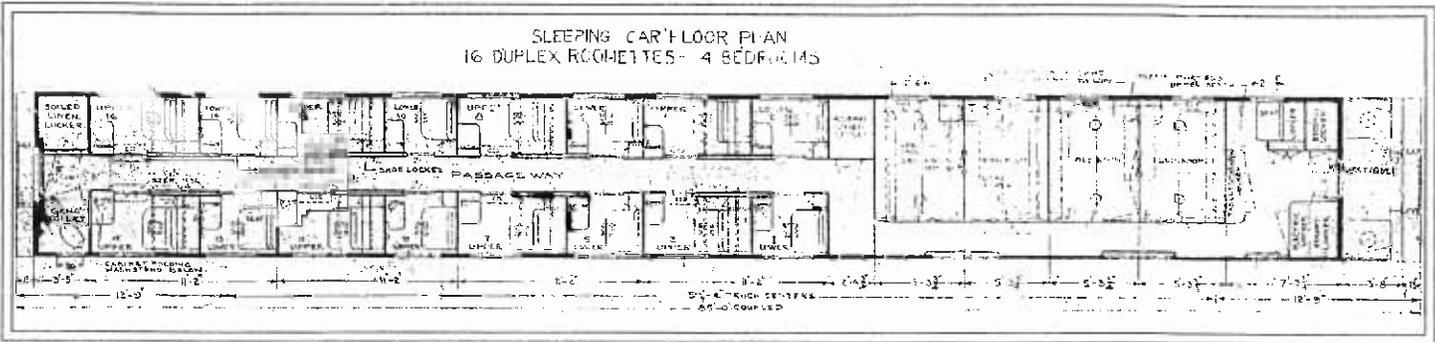
*Trains 58 and 59 will operate daily from Feb. 15 to July 15, and daily, except Sunday, for balance of year. Passengers will be carried in caboose between Clinton and Centropolis and intermediate points only.*

Mixed train service on that portion of the line continued through 1967, the last year of any type of passenger service on the Frisco.

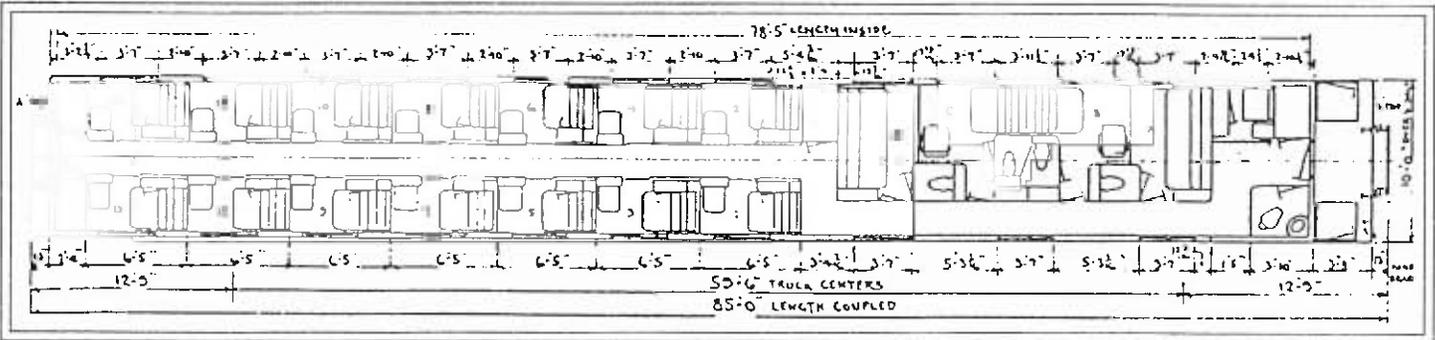
On October 14, 1978, a portion of the line between East Lynne and Bolivar was abandoned, between mile posts 72.4 and 115.7, as the result of condemnation by the U.S. Corps of Engineers in connection with the Truman Dam & reservoir project. Since then additional portions of the line have been abandoned. ☐



May 27, 1954, Springfield News-Leader photo showing crew and some of the passengers on the last Frisco passenger train to depart from Springfield on the High Line. The crew consisted of C.A. Rutherford, Conductor, A.W. Liffie, Engineer, W.L. Groves, Fireman, and M.L. Stone & E.A. Williams, Brakemen.



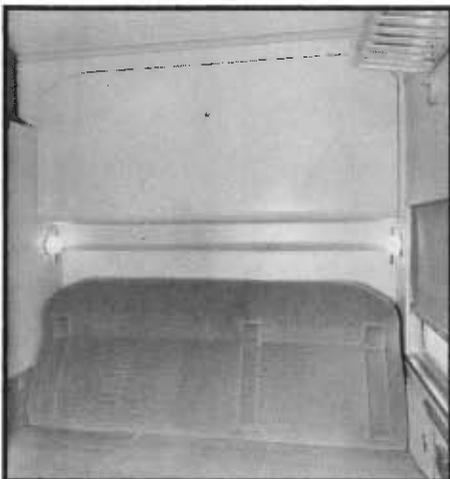
*Original Pullman-Standard 14-4 Duplex Roomette design, June 23, 1945.*



*Frisco 14-4 Roomette design, January 1, 1948*



*Frisco Texas Special Sleeper # 1455, George G. Vest, Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, June 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, Bedroom D, in day make-up.  
Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, June 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, Bedroom D, in night make-up.  
Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, June 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, Bedroom C, in day make-up. Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, March 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, Bedroom C, in night make-up. Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, March 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, Porter's quarters in day make-up. Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, March 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, Porter's quarters in night make-up. Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, March 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, roomette #2 interior, facing A end of car. Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, March 4, 1948.*



*Frisco Sleeper # 1455, aisle in roomette section, facing A end of car. Pullman-Standard Car Co., Chicago, IL, March 4, 1948.*



# Frisco-land

## Aristocrats All

THERE'S an aristocracy of the rails just as there is in society, and elsewhere. It's an aristocracy of service. Fast schedules, dependable performance, fine equipment and comfortable travel are its credentials. Countrywide preference for certain trains is its badge of recognition.

When you travel in Frisco-land certainly you will prefer a routing via Frisco Lines, for over the Frisco rails run some of America's most famous flyers—The Kansas City-Florida Special connecting Florida and the West—The Meteor and the Oil Fields Special serving the great midcontinent oil lands—The Bluebonnet and the Texas Special between Saint Louis and Texas—The Memphian between Saint Louis, Memphis and the Southeast—smart, fast, distinguished trains—Aristocrats All!

And, of course there's Frisco Red Ball freight service to add wings to perishable freight.

S. S. Butler, General Traffic Manager

The Frisco Aristocrats would be an appropriate title for the above advertisement, reprinted from the back cover of the Frisco Employees' Magazine, May 1932 edition.