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Where have all the rail lines gone?

When was the last time you heard about the B & O (Baltimore and Ohio)? The B & O was the first rail line in America. Now we only hear about the famous B & O in Monopoly. So where is the remains of the B & O? Where did the trains go and where is the former B & O track? It are now part of CSX. CSX runs only freight now.

Where is Chessie System? Remember Chessie System? Its motto was "Sleep like a kitten." It now is merged into CSX. It also bought out B & O before it was merged into CSX.

Where is Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway? It was bought out by Burlington Northern. When these two companies merged they changed the name to Burlington Northern and Santa Fe. It now runs only freight.

It's too bad they couldn't keep the old names. Now I can name five big rail lines: Norfolk and Southern, CSX, BNSF, Union Pacific and Amtrak. Only Union Pacific has been around prior to 1970. Today it still is the biggest rail line in the U.S. It has been around for almost 150 years.

I hope this article taught you a lot about the famous American rail lines. The information for this article came from
www.CSX.com
www.BNSF.com
www.UnionPacific.com
 Also other web-sites and books.

Emer Notes: Drivers don't know what to do on the Green Line

Some Green line drivers are being told to go very slow in some places on the Boston College branch. Sometimes they are supposed to go 3 MPH. They do let the drivers get a leeway of 5 MPH but if they go over the leeway it could be dangerous. If they go over the leeway then they can get a 3-day suspension and there can be a fine. The drivers say that if they obey the limit then they can't stay on schedule. They also won't be happy with the drivers if you don't run on schedule.

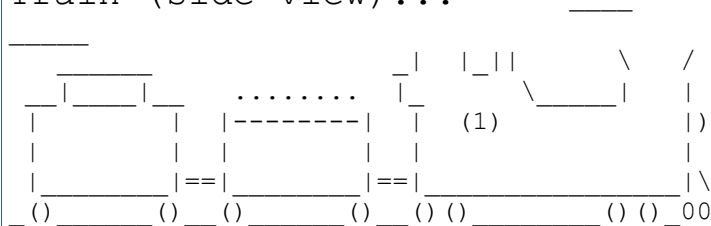
I think that the tracks are bad so this is why they have to go so slowly because otherwise it would be dangerous because bad tracks are dangerous. Remember though the tracks are paid for from your tax money but I think the transportation is important. So I think it is worth it.

The information from this article came from The Boston Globe.

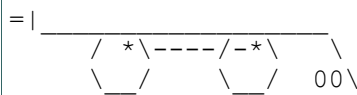
Train keyboard Drawings

By Ian Keyworth (artist)

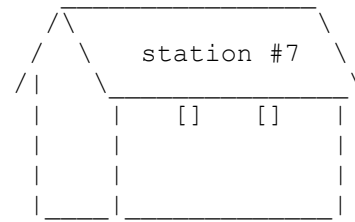
Train (side view)...



Close Up of engine bottom



A Station...



Ian made these only by using the keyboard.

Photo Flash: Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad C.O. and museum

We went to Portland to go to the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad museum. The reason why it is called the Narrow Gauge museum is because the track they run their trains on is narrow compared to the regular track. The rails are two feet away from each other. They used to use narrow gauge trains for passenger and freight. They used narrow gauge probably because it was less expensive. They also had some cars in a museum. Here is one of them:

The pictures were taken by photographer Joel Emer



This is one of the two oldest existing narrow gauge passenger cars in the U.S. It was built in 1882.

More Pictures from Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad C.O. and museum



This is the only narrow gauge parlor car ever made. It looks very nice.



This is one of the Steam engines they had running. A lot of the narrow gauge cars and trains they got from Edaville Railroad, which right now is not operating. It is in South Carver Massachusetts

I had a lot of fun at the museum.

Stock Quotes for railroads

These are stock quotes from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Stock (rail line)	Last trade
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe	32 7/16
CSX	47 ¼
Norfolk and Southern	30
Union Pacific	59 3/16

The stock quotes are as of 7/1/99

Coming soon Train Magazine will have tables of how many points the railroad stocks have gone up or gone down.

For some reason CSX stock prices have gone up. Despite the fact that it just took over Conrail on June 1st. Maybe people think that this will help CSX in the long run so the stock is expensive.

It seems like all these stocks are doing well because all of them except Burlington Northern Santa Fe, which went down a little bit since the last stock check on April 19.

Rail lines are a risky thing to invest in because they have been having trouble in the past half century because of planes. So because of this the train stocks have high dividends. A dividend is when a company gives money to the stockholders.

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As an added bonus you can get a list of train museums I've been to and ratings of them.

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Games and Fun Stuff

Five Questions

1. T or F Chessie System is now part of Santa Fe?
2. What company has the highest stock price?
3. What is a dividend?
4. Did most stocks go up since the last stock check or did most stocks go down?

5. How far are the rails apart from each other on narrow gauge track?

Did you know

Did you know that as of 1993 the MBTA is the 6th largest transit system in the country.

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Letters to the Editor

Didn't get a chance to tell you how much we enjoyed the latest edition of TM. The new format is just great, and the articles are up to their usual high standards. The article on 3rd rails was especially good. The anagrams were done well, perhaps too well, I never did solve the last one, incidently "conductor".

I found the name Acela intriguing so I looked it up on Alta Vista and found a site that gave the derivation: atk_acela (sorry no hypertext). The word is made-up as combination of acceleration and excellence. In Spanish "el" is masculine and "la" is feminine, so I guess the train is a lady:gentle, sleek and smooth. Further on I found the word ACELA used as an acronym: Architecture of a Computer Environment for Lie Alegras, ask your chief photographer about that one.

Jerome Emer

Hi David,

Good job!!, the last issue of Train Magazine is gorgeous. I love the new format and the colors. Keep on with the good work...

I have a WWW link that may be of your interest, it is a Spanish company that has been producing high technology train related things. I'm sure you will find it interesting. They have an english version of the page.
The link is: <http://www.talgo.com>

Toni

Editor's Note: I made a mistake in last issue's membership article. I forgot to say that the membership lasted for 8 issues.