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Northeast Direct is now Acela

For their new trains Amtrak has decided to call new Northeast direct trains Acela. Amtrak has said that they want to call it Acela to get non-train users to ride the Amtrak trains. They decided to divide it into three major categories. Acela Express will be a train that goes from Boston-Washington. They will have 20 high-speed trains that will go 150 MPH. It will be done by the summer of 2000. Acela regional will run instead of the Keystone and Empire trains. One Empire trail goes from NYC to Niagara Falls and the other one goes from Chicago to Portland Seattle. Acela commuter will be a commuter rail. The Keystone train goes from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and then NYC. Another train will be a 3-hour trip from Boston-New York. That is faster than a car! The train should be done by the fall of 2000.

The information for this article came from the NARP newsletter which Judy Hall gave me.



What do you think?

Do you think Acela will help Amtrak or not? Send your answer and a reason to our E-mail (preferably) or snail mail (postal service) on page 4.

I wouldn't count on the trains being done on time. Some of the trains have been tested though. I hope Acela will help Amtrak even though the name is odd

Emer Notes: Trucks please stop!

During a crash in Illinois 11 people on the train died in the crash when a truck bumped into the train at a crossing. I know you can't cry over spilt milk but I think there should be a law that says that all over-size vehicles should stop at the railroad crossings. Our school bus does so why can't the trucks. If every car

stopped then there would be traffic jams but why not big trucks. I know that a bus has people on it so it is more important to stop but it doesn't hurt to have trucks stop, too. I don't think there are enough trucks to cause traffic jams.

Uncle Sam please pass my bill!

Photo Flash: Our Trip to Orange Empire Railway Museum

During our trip to California we went to Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris California. The museum is the 3rd largest railway museum in the United States.

Here is the oldest car they have. It is from 1879 and after it's life as a car ended it served as a home.



This is me "driving a PCC from the Los Angeles Trolley lines, which isn't around anymore.



This is a steam engine called Emma Nevada A Disney artist, Mr. Kimball, hand painted the whole thing.



We had a lot of fun at the Orange Empire Railway Museum. I suggest you should take the drive to Perris if you are in California.

Joel Emer (Chief Photographer) and Robin Emer (information specialist) took the pictures.

Why not Auto Trains in other places?

In past articles I have written about Amtrak's Auto train, which goes from Virginia-Florida. It will carry your auto so when you get off the train you have a car! I wish they had these trains in other places like Boston-New York because you need your car to go to places sometimes. Also if your car doesn't work that well on long trips you don't need it to take the trip and you still have it. Maybe they could even use it for commuter rail

so you can take the train to work and take the car home.

I love Auto trains!

Games and Fun Stuff

Did You Know

Did you know that Charles Babbage the famous inventor, who invented a machine like the modern computer also invented cow catchers, which gets livestock off the tracks.

Train Trivia

What is the name of the railroad that goes up Mt. Washington in New Hampshire?

Workers on the Train word Scramble

ETPROR

GEREENNI

CEDCNORUT

IRTEAW

OKCO

AIMNFRE

IWSESATR

3rd Rails or overhead wires?

To make a subway or electric train run you need to have a loop circuit. To start you need a power generator and then you need to send the electricity to the train. Then you need to send it back to the generator. To do that you need a 3rd rail or overhead wires. If there is a 3rd rail then the whole circle is on the ground, which means it is dangerous

"Trains are cool even though they can be dangerous"

to walk over and you can die or get zapped. With the overhead wires it isn't very dangerous to walk over because you can't touch the whole circuit unless you are 20 feet tall.

Try not to walk on tracks no matter what because trains are dangerous. I think trains should always be electric with overhead wires. Even though they're ugly you need overhead wires because 3rd rails are too dangerous.

By the readers for the readers

What do you think answers

The question was what is your favorite scale; HO, N or Lionel N scale won here is a response:

My guess is that N scale is the most powerful train and probably the most powerful.

Kathy Klaiber

Letters to the editor

David Harris said,

I would like the pictures in color

Ian Keyworth said,

I would like more games

Editors note

David,

In the next issue there will be information about membership which would entitle you to color pictures.

Ian,

Check out the word scramble above.

Send your letters to the editor to our address or our E-mail, which are on page 4.

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America's Answer to planes

*We soon will be on
the web!*

The wrap up: Business News, Answers to games, Stocks.

Stock Quotes for Rail lines

Business News

- Canadian National bought out Illinois Central.
(Jerome Emer informed me about that)
- CSX will take over the Conrail in Massachusetts as
part of there 42% of Conrail.
(Judy Hall gave me an article about that)

Answer to Train Trivia

Cog Railway

Answer to word Scramble

Go on the web our URL will be announced soon

Name of stock	Symbol	Price
CSX	CSX	44 1/8
Union Pacific	UNP	57
Burlington Northern	BNI	33 1/2
Norfolk and Southern	NSC	29 9/16

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