

RUBBERNECK CAR - Observation car.

RULE G - That rule in the book of rules which forbid the use of alcohol or narcotics while on duty or subject for duty.

RUNNING AGAINST A TRAIN - When two trains are to meet at a certain point, they are said to be running against each other.

RUN REGARDLESS - The right of a train to run regardless of other trains.

SCOOP - Fireman's shovel , also news or gossip.

SECTION - A part of one or more trains running on the same schedule, displaying signals or for which signals are displayed.

SEMAPHORE - An apparatus or signal for conveying information to trains.

SENIORITY - The track rights of one train over another. Also the right of an employe to advance over another due to time in sservice.

SHACK - Brakeman.

SHORT - Cars to be set out between terminals.

SHUFFLE THE DECK - TO stop at each station and switch cars.

SIDE DOOR PULLMAN - Hobo's name for a box car.

SMOKE ORDERS or SMOKING OVER - In the early days, trains were often moved from one station to another without written orders. Train crews watched for the other fellows smoke to avoid collisions. Thus the term Smoke Orders.

SNAKEHEAD - In the days of strap rail, the iron would often come loose from the wooden rails and pierce the floors of cars. Due to their shape they became known as Snakeheads.

SNOOZER - Sleeping car.

SOFT BELLIES - Cars with wood floors.

STATION - A place designated in the timotable by name.

SPECIAL TRAIN - A train provided for special purposes.

SPEEDY - The callboy.

SOAK - A non superheated steam locomotive.

SPOT - To place a locomotive or car in a designated position. Also to rest or eat.

SPOTTER - Company inspector.

STAR GAZER - A day dreaming brakeman who fails to observe signals.

STEEL - A name for rail.