

GLOSSARY

- STRAPRAIL - Strap iron placed on wooden srtingers and used as rail in the early days.
- STRAWBERRY PATCH - The rear end of a caboose as seen at night.
- STRING - A number of cars coupled together.
- SUPERIOR TRAIN - A train having precedance over another train.
- SWING SHACK - The brakeman controlling the middle of a freight train.
- SWITCH - A mechanical apparatus built at the juncture of two or more tracks. It allows one track to be connected to another and may be operated manually or automatically.
- TALLOWPOT - Fireman.
- TEA KETTLE - Any locomotive that is old and leaky.
- THROUGH OR LIMITED TRAIN - A train designed to accomodate through traffic.
- THOUSAND MILER - The dark blue shirt favored by railroaders because it does not show dirt when worn for long periods.
- TOAD - Derailing device.
- TOE PATH - Running board or walkway along track.
- TRAIN- An engine or more than one engine, coupled, with or without cars, displaying markers.
- TRAIN LINE - The pipe and hose connections running the full length of a train to supply air to the brake system. (Also called Brake Pipe).
- TRICK - The tour of duty usually beginning each eight hours.
- THROW A SWITCH - To disconnect one track and connect another.
- VARNISH - Passenger cars or train.
- WALK THE DOG - To make extra fast speed with a freight train.
- WABASH - A sideswipe tpye collision caused by cars not being clear of adjacent track.
- WASHOUT - A violent emergency stop signal.
- WAY TRAIN - A local that stops at most stations between terminals to perform work or loading and unloading of traffic.
- WHEEL - To run at a very high speed.
- WHITE FEATHER - The plume of steam over safety valves that indicates high boiler pressure.
- WHISTLING POST - A signal post erected near stations, grade crossings, bridges, ect, requiring the engineer to blow the whistle.
- WILD TRAIN * An extra train, may also mean a runaway train.
- WIND - Air used in air brake system.
- Wye - "Y" tracks used to turning of locomotives and cars.
- YARD - A system of tracks and switches used to store and classify cars.