



Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad

Prototype Information

Train Type: Crude Oil Tanker Unit Train

Engines: four EMC FTs (ABBA)

Origination: Tulsa, OK

Era: 1948

Destination: Chicago, Ill

Route: Tulsa to Chicago via Santa Fe, then via NYC to NJ.

Consist: 8000 gallon and 10,000 gallon crude oil tank cars

Train Information

Motive Power: Analog DCC Sound

Four powered InterMountain engines w/ Digitrax decoders installed

Number of cars: 67 Caboose FRED

Length: 19.6 ft = 3128 scale ft = 0.59 scale miles

Speed: 40 mph (approximately)

Conductor: **Steve (Razor) Gillett**

Before oil pipelines began to be built during WWII, crude oil was gathered by truck from tank batteries near the wells and transported to large “tank farms”. There the oil was loaded into railroad tank cars and shipped to refineries for processing into gasoline, motor oil and petrochemicals

Of the thousands of crude oil tank cars, some were owned by the railroads, some by oil companies and some by consortiums that leased tankers. This train has all three types of cars. Unit tanker trains usually had a couple of flat cars behind the last tank car as a safety feature for those riding in the caboose.