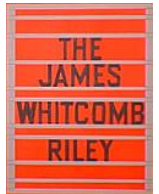




# New York Central Railroad

## James Whitcomb Riley



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### Prototype Information

**Train Type:** Heavyweight Passenger Train B

**Engines:** One 4-6-4 J3a Hudson steam locomotive w/ art-deco, Henry Dreyfuss designed, bullet-nosed shroud

**Origination:** Chicago, Illinois

**Era:** 1941

**Destination:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**Route:** Kankakee, Lafayette, Indianapolis

**Consist:** baggage, RPO, coaches, Pullman sleepers, a diner, and observation car

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### Train Information

**Motive Power:**  Analog  DCC  Sound

One Con-Cor locomotive w/ no decoder installed

**Number of cars:** 6  Caboose  FRED

**Length:** 4.0 ft = 637 scale ft = 0.12 scale miles

**Speed:** 50 mph (approximately)

**Conductor:** Steve (Razor) Gillett

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In the '30s and '40s the New York Central Railroad used their iconic Dreyfuss streamlined J3a Hudson locomotives to pull several of their regularly scheduled passenger trains. These trains were called "Meteor" trains.

This particular daytime train began service on April 28, 1941. Even though it was pulled by a Dreyfuss Hudson, it was named the *James Whitcomb Riley* (a well known Hoosier poet) instead of the *Indiana Meteor* because it ran mainly across the State of Indiana.