



Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad

Prototype Information

Train Type: Grain Hopper Unit Freight Train C

Engines: two EMD GP-38-2s, two EMD GP-7s

Origination: Kansas City, Kansas

Era: 1979

Destination: Galveston, Texas

Route: Herington, El Reno, Chickasha Ft. Worth, Houston

Consist: grain hoppers

Train Information

Motive Power: Analog DCC Sound

Four powered Atlas engines w/ Digitrax decoders installed

Number of cars: 46 Caboose FRED

Length: 18.3 ft = 2932 scale ft = 0.56 scale miles

Speed: 40 mph (approximately)

Conductor: **Steve (Razor) Gillett**

In the early 1960's the Rock Island made a deal to merge with the Union Pacific. This deal was held up by U.S. government agencies for over 18 years while questions regarding anti-trust were studied to death.

What really ended up happening was the government studied the Rock Island to death. During those years, the railroad continued to operate at a loss, neglecting maintenance of track and equipment. In the end, the UP backed out of the deal because the Rock Island no longer had marketable value.